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Nation to

vote on

Soviet

'new deal'

From MARY DEJEVSKY

IN MOSCOW

THE people of the Soviet Union will decide in a nation-

wide referendum if they want

their centrally planned econ-

omy to be transferred to

market principles, it was re-

The referendum is likely to

be held some time before the

autumn in an attempt by the

leadership to gain popular support for measures which will require average food

will require average food prices to double and therp

increases in the pries of many

The proposal - which will

have to be ratified by the

Supreme Soviet - was an-

nounced in Moscow at a press

conference held to introduce

the final draft of the Govern-

ment's programme, which was

approved by Mr Gorbachov's

Presidential Council on Tues-

day and will be presented to

As well as hefty price rises,

the proposals envisage a "ma-jor programme" of buying

equipment from abroad, and

nine new pieces of legislation

including laws on foreign

investment, a comprehensive

system of social security and

ending monopolies. The

money is to come from further

One of the new laws estab-

lishes an extensive pro-gramme of public works such

gramme or pusses to utilize as road-building to utilize

labour shed by non-viable

industrial enterprises and re-

The press conference was

given by Mr Yuri Maslyukov.

a First Deputy Prime Minister and chairman of the State

Planning Committee, Gos-plan, and Mr Leonid Abalkin,

Deputy Prime Minister and

chairman of the committee on

The whole programme was

said the Soviet Government

had rejected Poland's eco-

nomic "shock therapy" - with

immediate price rises, a convertible currency and un-

trammelled free enterprise -

as a model for the Soviet Union because of "the finan-

cial state of the country and

present living standards". It

would lead to a catastrophic

fall in output, he said, and

make an estimated 40 million

duce unemployment.

economic reform.

cuts in defence spending.

food and food process

the Soviet Parliament today.

vealed yesterday.

ether goods.

Early release of merger report

# DTI blunder puts Ridley under pressure

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND DAVID BREWERTON

MR NICHOLAS Ridley was under attack on two fronts last night as MPs criticized his handling of the House of Fraser affair and his department admitted a blunder that led to premature publication of a monopolies report on the proposed Kingfisher takeover of Dixons.

Dealers trading in Dix-ons shares could have made substantial gains before trading in the two electrical companies was suspended at lunchtime with the Dixons price down 11p. The potential for even greater profits was limited only because the monopolies commission's House of Fraser by the Fayed

was widely expected. The Department of Trade and Industry had to rush out not least through the Financial Mr Ridley's decision to block the £568 million takeover after the report was put on sale pression "was confounded by by mistake at stationery offices. It had known nothing of the error until Kingfisher told the ministry that the report

was on open sale. Last night, Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow Secretary of State for Trade and In-dustry secretary, called for an immediate inquiry by the department into the Government's "incompetence and mismanagement" which led to speculative profits being

The department had earlier been costigued by an all-party committee of MPs, which said Mr Ridley should have

INSIDE

Shares hit by

trade figures

Britain's trade deficit fell last

month from £2.09 billion to

£1.78 billion, the second bad

figure in a row, and sterling,

shares and gilts all dipped

that practically all the im-provement came from move-

ments in erratic items such as

ships, aircraft and precious

stones. Exports continued to

grow strongly but there was

also an upward trend in

Gummer pledge

Beef is "absolutely safe to eat"

Mr John Gummer, the Min-ister of Agriculture, told a

Commons committee, and promised that he was putting consumer safety first... Page 2

GPs to advertise

GPs were given permission by

the General Medical Council

to advertise their services on

television, radio and in

Mr David Waddington, the

Home Secretary, was greeted with silence by 2,000 repre-

Federation annual conference,

as a protest over housing

Nato defence ministers agreed

that the state of readiness of

some of the alliance's standing

forces in Central Europe could

be lowered for the first time

since the beginning of the

England lost to New Zealand

by four wickets off the penul-

timate ball in the first one-day

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cricket international at Head-

**England lose** 

Silent force

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City economists pointed out

The committee's report said: "Rarely can a government department's discharge of its responsibilities have been held in such low esteem among others involved." It accused Mr Ridley - who was yesterday in Italy on European Community business - of complacency and his department of dilatoriness, particularly over enforcing insider trading rules.

The report was coloured by the committee's evident anger over the Government's re-sponse to the DTI Inspectors tions that the department's performance was improving, Services Act and other new legislation, but this imthe lack of action taken against the Fayeds following publication of the House of Fraser

Mr Ridley was disingenuous and contradictory in claiming that giving false evidence to DTI inspectors - as the inspectors said the Fayeds had - was cause for disqualifying directors, yet not seeking disqualification.

Dr John Gilbert, a member of the committee, accused Mr Ridley of putting his own interpretation on the law as an excuse for not seeking disqualification. Mr. Kenneth Warren, chairman of the committee said Mr Ridley's decision was administrative, not quasi-judicial as he claimed

been decided by the court. The committee uned Mr Ridley to report to the House Rumbelows. of Commons within two months on what action had been taken by regulatory authorities over the affair.

Mr Brown said the repor proved the DTI had become the do-nothing department where anything goes". He said: "This is a damnine indictment of the Department of Trade and Industry under Mr Ridley, particularly his failure to act and his refusal to explain his reasons for inaction over misrepresentations by the Fayed brothers. The dereliction of duty extends beyond abandoning responsibilities for British industry to a half-hearted approach to City regulation. The

DTI has become the department of abandoned responsibilities." Labour's City spokeswo-man, Miss Marjorie Mowlam,

used his powers to allow the said: "Whether it be handling courts to decide whether the the House of Fraser takeover Fayed brothers should be or resolving allegations of disqualified as directors of insider dealing the Depart-House of Fraser. ment of Trade and Industry's agement is now on record."

But Mr John Redwood, cor-

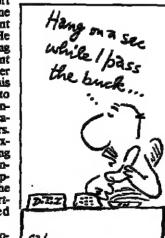
report on the takeover of polies commission, which House of Fraser by the Fayed could in turn have forced the opposition to the takeover brothers. There were indica- Fayeds to sell their shares.

> ordered divestment The release of the Kingfisher takeover report 24 hours ahead of schedule meant neither of the companies concerned had been told of the recommendations before it went on sale. Trading was brisk before share dealing in the companies was suspended, and the Stock Ex-

been published, even though it was in error. The Department of Trade and the stationery office were

the companies. A takeover would have and that the law should have created an electrical goods group five times bigger than

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### Timetable of a blunder

How the Monopolies Com- private office to discuss the mission report into King- situation. He is told Mr Ridley fisher's bid for Dixons was is abroad and he warns of a released, amid confusion, by

Industry: 9.00am Monopolies Commission Report is put on sale 11.55 Kingfisher telephones by HMSO in London. 10.30 Kingfisher obtains a

copy of the report. 11.00 Rumours sweep City and Dixons shares fall 11p to

DTI that the report will not be will be investigated. published until Thursday. 11.30 Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman of Kingfisher, tele- cepts recommendations phones Mr Nicholas Ridley's against the bid.

possible false market.

Stock Exchange to suggest

12.55 DTI announces report is published and Mr Ridley ac-

porate affairs minister at the department said: "I do not think a single case has as much impact as parts of the report The MPs also criticized Lord Young of Graffham, who was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry when the

inspectors' report was delivered in 1988. They say he should have used the opportunity to refer the House of Fraser takeover to the mono-

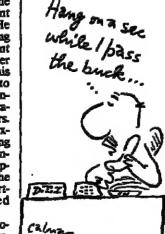
Lord Young acted on the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, who told the committee he thought it unlikely the commission would have

change does not consider that those who dealt were "insider trading" since the report had

investigating the blunder and the ministry has apologized to

its nearest competitor

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the Department of Trade and

11.40 Analysis begin to tele-

phone Kingfisher about the shares suspension.

12.25 Dixons and Kingfisher shares are suspended by Stock 12.45 DTI apologizes to Mr 120p. 12.45 DTI apologizes to Mr 11.20 Kingfisher is told by the Mulcahy and says procedures

people redundant.

# Hymn for harmony: New York's Governor and Mayor, Mr Mario Cuomo (left), and Mr David Dinkins (right), joining religious, political and union leaders in song during a rally for racial tolerance attended by 6,000 people at the Cathedral of St John the Divine yesterday Britain sets CO<sub>2</sub> target to curb global warming

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

oxide (COz), the gas from coal-fired power stations and motor vehicles principally responsible for the greenhouse effect, The Times has learnt.

The commitment, which will be announced in the autumn in the White Paper on the Environment, and which will be its key policy, is to stabilize total emissions at the 1990 level of about 160 miltion tonnes by the year 2005.

Power stations rather than cars are likely to bear the main burden of the cutbacks, a fact which implies an eventual sharp increase in energy prices. Massive gains in domestic and industrial energy efficiency will be needed and the Government believes that exhortation alone will not produce them, but tax increases will. There may eventually be a "carbon tax", levied on fuels according to the amount of CO2 they produce, although the phrase itself is unlikely to appear in the White Paper.

There is also likely to be a shift from coal-fired to gasfired power stations, with direct implications for miners' jobs. Gas gives off much less world over, and it will be carbon dioxide than coal for accompanied by a ("bestevery unit of heat produced. estimate") rise in sea-levels of

THE Government has directly confronted the problem of global warming by fixing a taken by the Cabinet Committee on the Environment UK emissions of carbon discharged by Mrs Margaret I8 centimetres, a serious threat to every low-lying land area from East Anglis to Bangladesh.

In fixing its own CO2 target.

The moving force behind it is Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, who, with Mrs Thatcher, is convinced that global warm-ing is a threat of the utmost gravity, and that Britain must be seen to control its 3 per cent share of world CO2

Cabinet ministers and government department heads were briefed at Downing Street on Monday by Dr John Houghton, chief executive of the Meteorological Office, and chairman of Working Group One of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose assessment of published tomorrow.Some ministers present were taken aback: the latest draft of Dr Houghton's report predicts that if no action is taken and economies continue "business as usual", global mean tem-peratures will have risen about deg C above the preindustrial level by 2030. That is an enormous increase and a drastic threat to agriculture and weather patterns the

In fixing its own CO2 target, the Government has had to steer a course between what much of the environmental lobby is calling for and what it feels is practically possible. Many scientists and environmentalists have endorsed the call made in Toronto in 1988 for a world-wide 20 per cent reduction of CO2 emissions by 2005, against present levels,

rather than mere stabilization. The UK commitment is also less than will be urged on. Britain by European Community states next month when stablization at 1990 levels and be called for by the year 2000. five years earlier The British Government is not convinced it can achieve that target. Even to reach stabilization by 2005, energy prices are

likely to rise significantly in Britain, as the experience of the years after the 1973 oil shock has shown that only price increases produce real and lasting energy efficacy gains, while advertising campaigns do not. Presenting that unpalatable fact to the public will test the Government's skills before an election.

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#### Poll tax hopes for 5m dashed

By NICHOLAS WOOD and PHILIP WEBSTER

**EXEMPTING Britain's five** million non-working wives from the poll tax would cost £1.8 billion, the Government has disclosed, dashing the hopes of some Conservative MPs that the women might be

spared the new charge. Pressure for some relief for women who stay at home to look after their children was renewed in Tuesday's Commons debate on local government finance. Tory backbenchers argued that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's review of its initial operation should result in assistance to this

ÉTOUD. Mr Peter Frv, Tory MP for Wellingborough, said that there should be "an additional amount of transitional relief for married women who do

not go out to work. But senior ministers are move is too expensive to contemplate. It would swallow much of the extra £3 billion that Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, needs to win from the Treasury in the current public spending round to hold down poll tax bills

Ministers are also opposed to the move on the grounds of principle. They argue that removing such a large number Continued on page 22, col 1

next year.

### Owen talks of deal with Labour

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

put forward the prospect of a pre-election deal with Labour as Mr Neil Kinnock prepared to bail his new blueprint for government as proof that his party would govern with realism, common sense and compared by Mr Maslyukov to Roosevelt's "new deal". He

Labour's 51-page policy docu-ment the SDP leader said in an interview with The Times that he did not rule out rejoining his old party. He offered broad support for Labour's policy review but called for further changes on defence and a commitment to proportional representation. Mr Kinnock is to meet President Bush in Washington

On the eve of the launch of

on July 17 in a move that will be seen as another step in Labour's preparation. As he Leading article, page 13 | entered yesterday's meeting of

DR DAVID Owen yesterday the Labour national executive, where the document was opnosed by only two members. Mr Kinnock denied it was a

In his introduction to the

sell-out of socialism.

document Mr Kinnock says Labour is "responding to a desire from every part of Britain for a new approach to a new decade". The pro-gramme is intended to confirm Labour's transformation into a pro-European social democratic party and the widening of its appeal. It strives to emphasize that a Labour government would be tough on inflation with

firm public spending controls. The document went through the NEC with only minor

textual changes. Great ability, page 8 Owen interview, page 12

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# How the Prince of many tongues was licked

By ALAN HAMILTON Deprecating his own linguistic abilities with undue modesty, the Prince of Wales yesterday spoke of his moment of blind panic when asked to act as interpreter between President Mitterrand of France and Herr

Helmut Schmidt. During a European Community lunch at Buckingham Palace M Mitterrand, who could not or would not speak German, wished to tell a story to Herr Schmidt, then West German Chancellor, who claimed no French. The Prince, who in spite of

his protestations can hold intelligent conversations in French, German, Italian and Welsh, was summoned. "I hadn't done French dictation since I was at school. The result was

disastrous. M Mitterrand lost me in

the first I'ne of the first sentence when

he began: 'Un vieux savant ...' Panic descended on my overloaded brain. 'An old soap ...' I translated to myself

... it can't be possible. Two sentences later, the President gave up in disgust and went off to find a more competent But the royal discomfiture, dis-

closed during an address to the Royal Society of Arts on the urgent need for British businessmen to improve their foreign language skills, was as nothing to the plight of the distinguished but unidentified British politician re-

quired to address a Soviet audience. "He thought it would make a good impression to say his opening words in Russian and duly did so, having noted down as he drove through Moscow what he thought was 'Ladies and gentlemen in Russian. Why, he

asked his staff later, was there a

stunned silence and no applause?

They would have appreciated it better, sir, came the reply, if you hadn't referred to ladies and gentle-

men as urinals and water closets." In two years time, the Prince told an audience of leading businessmen, Britain would find itself part of a single market of 320 million people, 82 per cent of whom did not have English as their mother tongue. And yet, how often did we see British commercial representatives at trade fairs abroad hard put to communicate with their potential customers?

Britain's prosperity and influence in the future would depend very largely on our knowledge and mastery of the languages spoken by our partners. "I wonder how far our current trade deficit is attributable to the low priority which British business has given to language training in

the past?" the Prince asked on the

very day that another gloomy set of trade figures was issued. He urged that a greater priority be given to foreign language teaching in schools, universities and business houses, citing the example of the Siemens company of Germany, which spent £1.5 million annually on inhouse language training.

In one further personal revelation.

the Prince said he was the kind of Englishman who found conversing in a foreign language much easier with the help of a small alcoholic beverage. In the course of a half-hour speech he told anecdotes in excellent French, quoted Goethe in the original German, slipped in one Latin reference, and yet still appeared perfectly sober.

Or as un qui ne s'enivre jamais, as M

Mitterrand might have said.

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Sport -

ZOOS and safari parks are keeping a close watch on their lions and tigers for signs that they may be developing a condition similar to BSE. Concern follows the deaths of two domestic cats from a feline version of spongiform encephalopathy (Michael Hornsby writes).

"It is obviously a vestion that is in all our mino . and we will be vigilant." Mr James Kirkwood, senior veterinary officer at London Zoo, said. "If it is proven that domestic cats can contract the disease via food, then there must be a chance that larger cats can get it by the same route."

All the big cats at the zoo were fed raw meat of a quality suitable for human consumption and the chances of it being infected were negligible, Mr Kirkwood said. "Some of our smaller carnivores are fed tinned food. We are assured by the manufacturers that it does not contain animal protein from undesirable sources, though we cannot be absolute-

Mr Roger Cawley, manager of Longleat Safari Park in Wiltshire, said the 35 lions and nine tigers in his care had eaten bullocks' heads containing brains up to last November when such matter was banned for human consump-tion. "We are still feeding bullocks' heads to our cats but

the brains are removed." Since 1986 five types of antelope have died in British zoos from a condition identi-

# Thatcher fails to allay expert fears over 'mad cows'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

garet Thatcher and Mr John advising the Government. Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, that the Government had taken all the measures needed to counter the mad cow disease failed School, said he was astonished

on agriculture, Mr Gummer animal, from cows to impalas, repeated earlier assurances by can catch this disease by Sir Donald Acheson, the chief medical officer, that beef was "absolutely safe to eat" and said he was "determined to put the safety of the consumer

The Government, he insisted, had responded to the bovine spongiform enceph-alopathy (BSE) threat with a "vigorous and coherent pro-gramme of measures" which were "directed first to concerns about human health".

Earlier Mrs Thatcher, speaking at the opening of a £7.5 million food science laboratory in Norwich, gave her full support to the scientific advice on which the Government advice had been based, She said: "You could not have better scientists working on

She praised Sir Richard Southwood, the vice-chancellor of Oxford University, who led the initial inquiry into BSE, and Dr David Tyrrell, the incidence of Creutzfeldt- Symptoms appeared some 15 the virologist who heads the Jakob's Disease (CJD), a to 20 years after the injection.

Gareth Roberts, a neuropathologist at the Royal Post-Graduate Medical yesterday to dispel continuing that cattle and sheep offal was criticism by independent still being fed to pigs. "I cannot think of any really Appearing before the House of Commons select committee be exempt when every other

> eating infected material.". Mr Francis Anthony, chairman of the British Veterinary Association's farm animals committee, also called on Mr Gummer to "rethink" the feeding of such offal to pigs and poultry, as did the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, which repre-sents 1,300 trading standards officers.

> • Firm evidence that the incidence of a rare form of incurable dementia in humans can or cannot be increased by exposure to the "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, will not be available for at least 10 to 15 years and possibly not for as long as 30 years.

That is the view of Dr Robert Will, consultant neurologist at Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, who is in charge of a programme begun on May 1 to monitor have been infected with CJD.

ASSERTIONS by Mrs Mar-committee of scientists now spongiform encephalopathy in garet Thatcher and Mr John advising the Government. In London, however, Dr people a year in Britain.

"An increased incidence of CJD would be the simplest indicator of possible crossinfection from BSE but I think it can be said that any risk from eating beef muscle tissue is astronomically remote. It is not possible to be quite so certain about the brain and other offals which have now been banned for human consumption", he said.

"At present, there is no method of testing humans while they are alive to see if they are carrying the causative

"If such a test existed it might transform our know-ledge of the disease. One theory, and it is only a theory, is that we all carry the agent but that in all but a very small number of us the incubation period is so long that we never develop the disease. The length of the incubation period might be genetically deter-mined", Dr Will said.

Humans have contracted CJD accidentally. For example, a small number of children around the world de-veloped the disease after being injected with human growth hormone made from pituitary glands taken from cadavers which are now presumed to



Way out of line: Sergeant Major A.G. Mason rehearsing the 2nd Battalion the Coldstream Guards and the 1st battalion the Welsh Guards for the Trooping the Colour ceremony on June 16

### MPs failed to declare payments

By RICHARD FORD

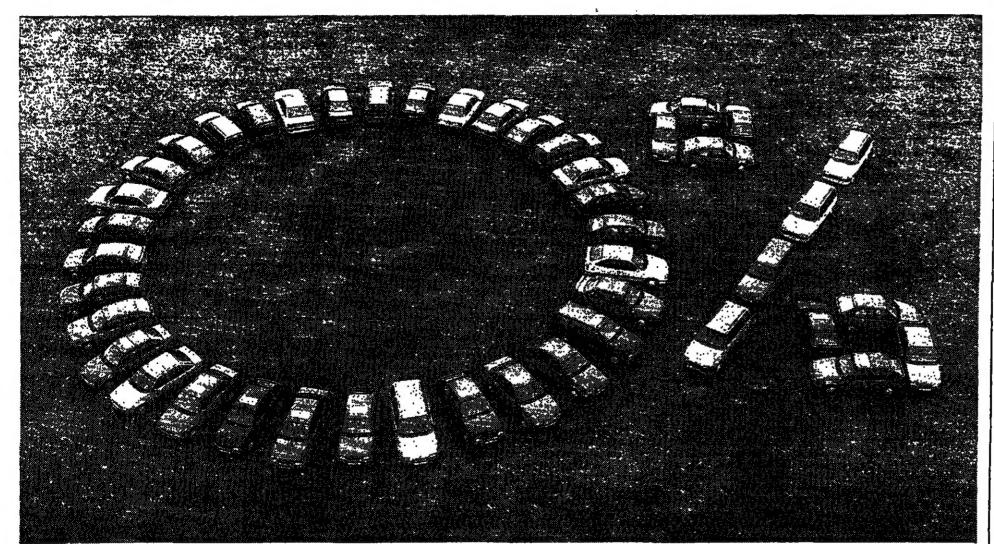
SOME cash payments made to MPs for introducing clients to a public affairs consultancy were not notified to officials compiling the Register of Members Interests, according to evidence given during an investigation into parliament ary lobbying.

Six payments, known by some people in the industry as a "thank you payment" were allegedly made by one firm to three MPs in the past five years. One MP is said to have received three payments, in 985, 1986 and 1990, a second MP two payments, in 1986 and 1988, and a third one payment, in 1988.

The committee was told that payments to the unnamed MPs were made by lan Greer Associates. a public affairs consultancy, even though the company's chairman told a Commons select committee in 1988 that the firm did not retain any peers, MPs or Members of the European Parliament, and that it was completely disassociated from

Mr Ian Greer, chairman of the company, told the Select Committee on Members' Interests yesterday that pay-ments had been made to MPs, who had introduced business to his company, on six occa-sions over the past five years. He refused to tell a private session of the committee the names of the MPs but said he had checked the "thank you" payments and only one had been registered in the Register of Members' Interests.

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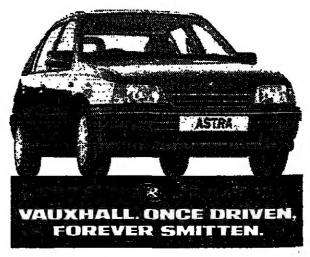
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# All change for public transport

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

1990s as aerospace and armaments manufacturers seek

pensate for declining defence spending, according to a trans-port survey published today. Reduced military spending could set off a wholesale transfer of technology from military to civilian projects, much of which is likely to go towards developing environmentally sensitive mass-transportation systems, the survey

However, attempts by the aerospace and armaments industry to enter the market could produce a period of ferocious competition, as ruggle to sur in a post-Cold War international climate, it added.

Mr Chris Bushall, editor of the 1990 edition of Jane's Urban Transport Systems, an annual survey of public transport in over 400 cities around the world, predicted a period of acute turmoil in the transport sector, unless the lessons of the past were acted upon.

Mr Bushall warned of the precedent set during the 1970s at the end of the Vietnam war, when US aerospace and defence contractors were forced to enter the civilian transport market, which led to the decimation of the US rail passenger vehicle industry.

In the competitive era following Vietnam "a huge number of ill-conceived and inappropriate systems were developed, traditional manufacturers went out of business, and the ensuing price war between the large manufacturers damaged suppliers and users alike," Mr Bushall said.

Defence contractors assumed existing transport technology "was so outdated as to be scarcely worth the trouble of study," Mr Bushall said, of study," resulting in the production of new high-technology transport systems that were utterly unsuitable for mass transit.

"In general it appeared to be easier to design modules that would link up accurately in space, than to produce rail vehicles that would stand up to the rigours of normal terrestrial urban transport." After losing millions of

dollars in civilian transport systems, the aerospace and defence industries were forced to pull out of the market, "by which time most of the traditional US rail passenger vehicle building industry had been killed off," he said.

Mr Bushall also urged public transport suppliers to be cautious about seeing Eastern Europe as the next growth market for mass transit systems, at least until the region's centralized manufacturing structure had been reformed. Efforts to reduce urban road

congestion and environmental pollution will become the dominant preoccupations of transport specialists for the foresecable future, and pay-asyou-drive road-pricing systems "seem an inevitable development for the 1990s."

• The Cabinet committee responsible for examining proposals for the 68-mile Channel tunnel high-speed rail-linkis expected to decide whether to give government hacking to the project today. Although an announcement

PUBLIC transport systems is not expected until after will change dramatically in the Parliament returns from the Whit recess, Mr Keith Speed, Conservative MP for Ashford civilian markets to com- will today ask Mr Cecil pensate for declining defence Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, to announce

the decision immediately. ● The crippling £7 billion cost of designing and building a successor to Concorde is likely, as expected, to be shared among all the world's aircraft manufacturers (Harvey Elliott writes).

Aerospatiale and British Aerospace to pool resources in drawing up blueprints for a future supersonic passenger jet, aircraft manufacturers in the United States and Gerin the design and development of what could be-

Jane's Urban Transport Systems Jane's Information Group, 163 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR3 2NX, price £110)

#### Student is accused of gun offence

Kevin Barry O'Donnell was charged last night with illegal possession of two semi-automatic assault rifles and will appear today at Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south

London, Scotland Yard said. Mr O'Donnell, aged 20, was arrested after a car chase on Tuesday morning in Wood Green, north London. He was charged with possessing two Romanian AKM 7.62 semiautomatic assault rifles with intent to endanger life. Mr O'Donnell is a student on a two-year poultry course in Newport, Shropshire, and lived in a hall of residence.

#### **Dolphin mission**

A rescue operation was launched last night to try to save a second ailing dolphin stranded in the Thames. One of its offspring, a young male, has died in spite of efforts by veterinary surgeons after it was taken from the river to Windsor Safari Park, Berkshire, on Tuesday.

#### Prison death

Mr Walter Arnold, aged 53, a decorator from Thorpe St Andrew, Norfolk, was killed with a hammer while working in Norwich prison yesterday. Police said two inmates have been questioned, but no motive has been established.

CORRECTIONS

Contrary to our report of yesterday, it was Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, who said that job losses in the coal industry could be horrendous unless foreign imports and the development of gaspowered power stations were stopped, and not Sir Robert Haslam, British Coal chairman,

Mr Richard Loasby, former senior clerk at 2 Hare Court, Temple, has not retired as stated on May 14. He has been appointed senior clerk to the chambers of Mr Alan Tyrrell,

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television, radio and in newspapers to attract patients. The General Medical Council, which has been opposed to the idea since it was founded in 1858, accepted that the move would be in the public interest. It issued a warning, however, that GPs would not be allowed to "promote" their services. They could not claim

superiority to other practices or say that they provided services that others did not. If the advertisements included promotional material, or GPs attempted to recruit patients through "cold call-ing" either by visits or telephone calls, they could still be

liable to disciplinary action. Mail shots by GPs advertising practice facilities will be allowed, but only in the local

The new policy, which takes

#### Incentive scheme to cut GPs' spending

FAMILY doctors are being asked to "volunteer" for a scheme to give financial incentives to GPs who underspend the drugs budget they will be given from April next year (Jill Sherman writes). The money saved would be spent on improving medical facilities in their area. A working paper published

by the Department of Health yesterday confirmed that the drugs budget would not be cash-limited and GPs would be allowed to exceed their indicative budgets for clinical Mr Kenneth Clarke, Sec-

retary of State for Health, said: \*Under this new scheme [indicative prescribing] doctors will be able to continue to prescribe the necessary drugs for all their patients. The aim Marks, chairman of the Brit-... is not to deprive sick people of the medicines they need. some patients would suffer.
We do aim to eliminate "Let us not kid ourselves." wasteful and unnecessary tiny minority of doctors will expenditure on drugs." The White Paper on health

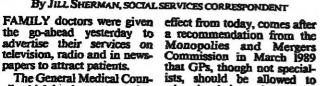
reforms initially suggested that all family practitioner committees - which administer GP practices - would be able to keep 50 per cent of any savings on the budgets of GPs in their area; GPs would be penalized for over-prescribing. When the Government de-

cided to drop that plan the incentives and penalties seemed inappropriate. Ministers, barrister MP and lay member however, were anxious to of the GMC, said: "I belong to include some element in the scheme that would encourage doctors to prescribe cost-effectively and "put downward pressure" on the drugs bill. | difficulties with it at all. There Although GPs will be given budgets there will be little incentive to stick to them apart from peer pressure.

The working paper proposes to set up a limited number of voluntary local incentive schemes: any local medical committee can present its family practitioner committee with a target-saving for prescribing costs in its

"To ensure that the scheme does not result in underprescribing the LMC will need to be satisfied that such a target-saving is achievable without detriment to patient care," the paper says.

The savings target would be set lower than the notional family practitioner committees. If the target was achieved half the sum would be given to the committee to spend on



advertise their services. The Office of Fair Trading immediately asked the General Medical Council to revise its guidelines - which banned advertising - within six months, but the deadline was extended after lengthy discussions with the council

The GMC had feared that advertising would exploit vulnerable sick people, but yesterday Sir Robert Kilpatrick, its president, said that

most people were in good bealth when they chose a GP. The council will now encourage GPs to publish practice leaflets giving factual information about their qualifications and services,

surgery times and possibly a

statement about their ap-

proach to medical practice. It also hopes that both health authorities and family practitioner committees will produce comprehensive leaflets of both NHS and private practices in the area, allowing patients the chance to compare the services provided. "There is a general require-

ment that any advertising must contain only materia which is legal, decent, honest and truthful. In addition, doctors publishing information about their services should not abuse the trust of patients or attempt to exploit their lack of medical knowledge," the GMC said. "They must not offer guar-

antees to cure particular complaints, and no claim of superiority should be made either for the services offered or for a particular doctor's personal qualities, qualifica-tions, experience or skills."

The decision to reverse the GMC guidance comes after a

recommendation from its standing committee on pro-fessional conduct and medical ethics. The council backed the ish Medical Association, that "Let us not kid ourselves. A

abuse the system and a few patients will suffer," Dr Marks

Dr Lotte Newman, of north London, said she was concerned that unsolicited leaflets from doctors would be pushed through patients' letterboxes. "It diminishes our profession. It makes us look like pizza parlours promising quick delivery," she said.

Mr Alexander Carlile, a a profession that has been dragged in wigs screaming into the modern world. Having arrived there we have had no is no evidence that the introduction of advertising has done anything other than improve the services available."

Dr Donald Irvine, chairman of the standards committee, emphasized that most people were in good health when they chose their GP and should be provided with full and accurate information of the services available to them in their area. "In contrast, when people need specialist treatment they are often very ill and vulnerable and need expert advice from their GP about the treatment that will

be best for them." Under the new GMC guidance, specialists will not be prescribing budgets set by the allowed to advertise but they will be able to keep GPs informed about the services they can offer and to publish their names and qualifications primary care projects in the in national and local



# Junk mail curb 'disappointing'

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people who register with it

achieve an 85-90 per cent

success rate in reducing the

amount of junk mail they get,

while others can select the sort

of mailshots they should

Sir Gordon said that while such mailshots might not

create any direct economic

detriment to the public, there

was widespread concern over

the invasion of privacy which

The techniques of the direct

mail industry had become more sophisticated in target-

ting members of the public, he

said. "It is unfortunate, there-

fore, that despite the in-

dustry's efforts to improve its

performance and image, it is still regarded as being in-

discriminate in its mailing

Use of terms such as 'junk'

mail illustrate this only too

well. Method of sales promo-

tion and content are often

very closely connected in the

encourage public confidence."

Sir Gordon said that in the

decade ahead it would be vital

elements of choice and control

if the direct mail industry was

public support, one has to respond effectively to the concerns and needs of the

public and to let the public

the many initiatives the in-

dustry has taken in the past to

improve standards are de-

valued by the unchecked

continuance of those excesses

which dominate and encourage

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media comment."

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needed to be respected.

TOO few people know about the Royal Mail. It claims that an organization which enables them to have their names taken off "junk" mailing lists, Sir Gordon Borrie, the Direc-tor General of Fair Trading, said yesterday. He called on industry, including the Royal Mail, to invest far greater amounts of money so that the Mailing Preference Service (MPS) can become a widelyused and effective deterrent. Addressing the annual lun-

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cheon of the MPS in London, Sir Gordon called for a national publicity campaign to publicize it. The MPS was set up in 1983 but at present has only 311,000 names of people who have expressed a desire not to receive junk mail. "If we used the take-up rate

as an indicator of success, we would have to conclude that the disappointingly low level shows that it has not been the success that it could and should have been," he said. "I believe that this low level of usage by the public is more consumer's eye. Both likely to reflect a lack of targetting and content have to knowledge of its existence be above reproach to than any lack of discontent with direct mail." Although there had been a

recent upsurge in public in- for the public to have the terest in the work of the MPS, Sir Gordon called for an effective publicity campaign to thrive. In order to engage which would have to be public support, one has to properly resourced.
"To publicize the existence

of the MPS without increasing the resources available to it would be counter-productive. If it could not keep pace with demand the MPS would be discredited," he said. At present, the MPS is

funded by such organizations as the British Direct Mail Association, the Association of Mail Order Publishers, the Mail Users' Association and

#### Boy killed tyrannical father

A BOY aged 11 killed his father with a shotgun after suffering years of physical and emotional abuse. The man was a "ma

liciously cruel tyrant" who had reversed a tractor over his son when the boy was aged only three, causing severe leg injuries, Preston Crown Court was told yesterday. Mr Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said the father reversed a dumper truck over the boy three years later,

The boy, who was ordered by Mr Justice Ewbank not to be named, pleaded not guilty to murder, but guilty to man-slaughter on the ground of provocation. He was ordered to be kept in the care of the local council who might decide he can return home later. Mr Henriques said the dead

man, a retired horse trader aged 70, subjected his son to ill-treatment and appalling conduct almost daily. "He administered a reign of terror, was habitually drunk and had an uncontrollable temper." Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC, for the prosecution, said the boy shot dead his father on

January 10. He had since been threatened by half-brothers and had suffered nightmares in an assessment centre. Mr Henriques had asked the judge to grant a supervision order allowing the young boy

to go home to his mother's "love, care and affection which she would have liked to have given him for the past 12 years".

### Cut grass the nation's aroma By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent

THE definitive aroma of the and Telecommunications in

British Isles has been synthe- Riquewihr, complete with sized by scientists as part of a project to create the national smells of the European Community. A whiff of old Blighty, it is

claimed, can be so overwhelming that many a hardbitten ex-patriate is left reaching for his handkerchief and books the next flight The definitive aroma of the

nation is neither roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, a London ale or Lancashire cheese. Instead, two basic chemicals, cif-3-hexenol and trans-2hexenal, are enough to conjure the Dover cliffs, the scientists behind the scheme say. "These are leaf alcohol and

leaf aldehyde, the molecules produced when grass is freshly cut," Dr Michael Moisseef, said. The Toulouse-based biotechnologist has been commissioned to produce the perfumes for an exhibition, being billed as an "olfactory evocation" of Europe's diversity, which has opened near Strasbourg. "You have so many golf

courses, gardens and parks that freshly cut grass is the most evocative aroma of your country," Dr Moisseef said. He call himself an aroma sculptor and is a specialist in the way plants communicate with scent. As part of the exhibition, at

the Alsace Museum of Posts whiskey

sound effects and displays, visitors are invited to squeeze personalized bulbs which deliver the national aroma of each country. The museum is concerned that one nation's smell, identified by a national from each country as defin-itive, may be offensive to visitors from other other, "We do not have all the same nose. What is imperceptible for some is insufferable for others," a notice states. The Spanish exhibit smells

of bulls and Denmark's reeks of smoked fish. West Germany's national aroma was identified as gingerbread; Italy's capuccino; port for Por-tugal and expensive perfume for France. Among the more complicated chemical cockails are those for Greece, a mixture of oregano, olive oil and garlic, and The Netherlands, a synthesized dairy and sour cream aroma. Dr Moisseef, who creates

pleasant smells for French bus companies, theatrical produc-tions and exhibits, said that the Belgium national smell proved the most difficult. The national adviser wanted the smell of typical Belgium brasserie, including a combination of chip-fiying oil, beer - of which there are 300 kinds - and tobacco. The Irish aroma is a mix-

ture of Guinness and Irish

# changes are real, meeting By RUTH GLEDHILL

Climate

PEOPLE should not be lulled into a false sense of security by revised forecasts which suggest that temperature and sea level rises brought about by global warming will not be as high as it was at first thought, a conference at the Royal Geographical Society in London was told yesterday.

Even small rises in temperature in Britain could cause dramatic changes in the landscape as a result of altering flood, drought and rainfall patterns, according to scientists at the conference. In America, serious effects of global warming are already being felt. In the Antarctic, which is especially sensitive to warming, temperatures have risen at a rate faster than anywhere else in the world. Dr David Drewry, director

of the British Antarctic Survey, disclosed for the first time at the conference the result of recent measurements, which show a rise in temperature in the Antarctic over the past four years of 0.065C a year, nearly six times as fast as temperature rises measured at weather stations throughout the southern hemisphere. He said that the sea, which

has risen about 30cm over the past 100 years and is expected. to rise another 30cm in the next century, could rise by twice as much as a result of melting of the ice sheet. Professor John Lewin, pro-

fessor of geography at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and one of the conference organizers, said that even a slight temperature rise on the boundary between frozen and unfrozen areas could be critical. Oil pipelines lying over frozen ground could be damaged and distorted by erosion, rising temperatures could destroy coral reefs in the tropics and in Britain, this year's winter storm could become the norm. That would lead to big changes in the landscape as flood waters speed up bank erosion, carve out new river channels and spread sediment.

Professor Malcolm New-son, of Newcastle University, said the effect of cultural activities on rivers in Britain are "minor" compared with those of the climatic fluctuation now predicted. There was a need to relocate people and businesses from flood plains, and, when that is not possible, ing systems so people could be evacuated from threatened areas within an hour. "If the climatic projection is

correct, the north and west of Britain can expect more flooding as a result of rainfall." He said flood plains in the south and east can expect more flooding from the sea, while the south of England and eastern Scotland would become drought areas with less rainfall. "Some northern and western rivers could change course dramatically by the year 2030, simply because the movement of sediment will increase with the increased power of flooding."

In America sea levels have risen by 1ft each 100 years on the mid Atlantic coast where the federally insured flood programme has billions of dollars of insured properties close to the water's edge, the conference was told. Professor Stephen Leatherman, of the Centre for Global Change at Maryland University, said about 90 per cent of the US's sandy beaches were being eroded. The Atlantic coast average erosion was between 2ft and 3ft a year, and the Gulf coast exceeded 5ft a year, but the Pacfic coast was stable. "Accelerated rise due to the greenhouse effect will at least double and perhaps quadruple erosion rate," he said. That would further jeopardize vulnerable properties, eventually resulting in massive destruction during a future storm. Leading article, page 13

#### French air controllers threaten holiday flights AIRLINES were drawing up will seriously curtail the num-contingency plans last night to ber of aircraft allowed into the

beat a planned strike by air space over Paris.
French air traffic controllers

Others, based in N flights to the Mediterranean and Paris over the Bank holiday weekend (Harvey Elliott writes). The French controllers have

schoolchildren begin their half-term break and motorracing enthusiasts throughout Europe flock to Monaco for the Grand Prix. The Paris controllers plan a strike on Saturday, Sunday and Monday which, if it goes ahead, crosses French air space.

Others, based in Nice, have

which threatens to disrupt chosen Monday as their day of action because that is the day when special charter flights and many light aircraft will be heading towards the city for the Grand Prix. That is certain chosen the weekend to take to disrupt other flights head-industrial action when British ing to favourite Mediterraing to favourite Mediterranean resorts forcing airlines to find alternative routes,

Urgent talks are taking place to try to prevent the strike but it seems certain that many airline passengers face long delays to any flight which



Colonel Aleksandr Shvechkov, deputy director of the Central Armed Forces Museum, Moscow, on board a Russian personnel carrier he presented to the Tank Museum, at Bovington, Dorset. With him are two Tank Museum staff

# Scientists close in on the secret of eternal youth

By PEARCE WRIGHT, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE prospect of extending the human lifespan to "five score years and ten" by injecting "longevity genes" is no longer a matter of idle speculation, according to a leading scientist.

Researchers seeking cures for disorders associated with ageing, such as skin cancer, think they are closing in on the basic mechanisms that determine longevity.

Professor Barbara Gilchrist, of Boston University School of Medicine in the United States, believes a handful of master genes orchestrate the 50,000 or more genes that contain every individual's blueprint and regulate growth. She suggests that life could be prolonged by injecting replacement master genes as people grow older.

The theory, outlined to an international conference in London yesterday, grew from laboratory experiments to regulate the lifespan of mice, the success of a drug to smooth wrinkles and discoveries made from a genetic comparison of skin cells in young and elderly

One of the key pointers was the success of has identified one of the key changes between side-effects in some people, producing a people.

trials of smoothing wrinkles with a drug based on retinoic acid. The preparation, derived from vitamin A, was developed 25 years ago and is an established treatment for severe

Doctors noted that the skin of older patients benefited generally when retinoic acid was applied as a cream. The first controlled trial of its anti-ageing effects began in the United States two years ago, in 30 subjects between 35 and 70 years of age. Coarse wrinkles were smoothed, skin became smoother and sun spots disappeared in enough of the volunteers for a bigger experiment. While confirming the first results, the scientists were unable to explain the biological mechanism for the apparent anti-ageing process.

Professor Gilchrest told the conference, Clinical Dermatology in the Year 2000, that subsequent studies had shown that retinoic acid worked with DNA in certain skin cells to restore growth processes that had slowed in older people but the researchers were still exploring the precise biochemical steps involved in such a reversal.

In that search, Professor Gilchrist's group

young and older people in comparing the activity of a group of important cells known as T-cells, which are renewed routinely but which have lives of up to 10 to 20 years.

The studies show that the biochemical activity of the cells declines with age as if they were responding to a pre-programmed operation. Retinoic acid smooths wrinkles by increas-

ing the production of the epidermal cells which comprise the outer layer of the skin, so that replacement by new cells keeps up with the normal loss of wear and tear. Elderly skin of some volunteers, which had thinned with the effect of sun and age, was restored to the thickness of a younger person, producing a smoother and more compact texture. The effect in smoothing out coarse wrinkles

that involve a deterioration of deeper structures of the skin is a greater mystery for the scientists to explain. In addition, the molecules called melancytes that form the blotchy patches in skin that is older, or has been overexposed to sunlight, were reduced. How long these changes can be sustained is unknown. Furthermore, retinoic acid can provoke

severe skin reaction. Hence, Professor Gilchrist emphasized that the preparation should only be used on prescription only for serious skin disorders. She did, however, say that advances in

medicine, nutrition and changes of life style already meant that by the year 2000 the proportion of the population over 65 years would be four times higher than at the start of the century, and survival into the nineties would be commonplace.

If the idea is correct, identification of the master genes that orchestrate the ageing process would probably come from the Human Genome project in which international research teams have begun task of pinpointing and unravelling the chemical structure of the all the genes, she said.

The understanding, so far, has come as a bonus from the research essential to cope with the incessing number of elderly patients who will be seeking medical help. One in 10 visits to the family doctor in the is for a skin-related

Science and technology,

#### **BULGARIANS LIVING IN THE UK TO PARTICIPATE** IN ELECTIONS

The Embassy of the P.R. Bulgaria in London announces that elections for a Grand National Assembly of Bulgaria are due to be held on 10 and 17 June 1990.

In accordance with the Act for the election of a Grand National Assembly and the decisions of the Central Electoral Commission only one round of elections will be held abroad, on 10 June.

one round of elections will be held abroad, on 10 June. Besides those Bulgarian citizens working the the country's diplomatic, consular and trade missions or for Bulgarian companies, people having an individual employment countact with a foreign company or organisation and are duly registered in the Consular Section of the Bulgarian Embassy, people staying abroad for studies or on specialisation courses, emitted to vote are all Bulgarian citizens permanently residing in the UK on the basis of a mixed marriage and all those who have lived abroad for more than five years. Those wishing to vote should have their names registered in the electronal lists. For this purpose they will have to inform the Embassy's Consular Section by sending their full name, date and place of bards, permanent address and the number of Bulgarian passport, not later than 2 June. This could be done either personality or by telex, telefax and telegram.

Bulgarian citizens on a short visit to the UK are supposed to vote in Bulgaria naless they have a special certificate to vote abroad. The polling in the UK will take place at the Bulgarian Embassy, 187 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL, on 10 June 1990, frum 7.00 a.m. to

Bulgarian passport is required as the voting has to be registered in it. For more information please call the Embassy on Tel. 071-584 9400/9433, 071 581 3144/5/6/7/8/9, Fax. 071 584 4948, Telex 25465.

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# Police give minister the silent treatment

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ives of Britain's police greeted the Home Secretary with a deliberate, stony silence as he spoke at the Police Federation's annual conference in Scarborough yesterday.

Mr David Waddington, speaking at the conference for the first time, ignored the treatment and later said the conference was entitled to make its point strongly.
"There is no cause for resent-

The decision to snub the minister - a Labour Home Secretary was given the same treatment 13 years ago - was taken in a private session of conference by delegates irate about policing policies and the way the Home Office has overridden proposed new housing allowances.

In sharp contrast, the

TWO thousand representating ovation lasting several minutes after a speech in which he accused the Government of betrayal by undermin-ing morale. He told the Home Secretary: "It is time to speak up for Britain's bobbies. Mr Waddington, Mrs Thatcher, we ask your what price loy-alty?"

As silence then settled, the minister lightly noted that the conference had a tradition of "There is no cause for resentment. I put my views robustly
in reply. I have a broad back,"
he said.

"There is no cause for resentnot applauding home secretaries, which was good
because it meant everyone could get to lunch earlier. He then declared that it was time for the police to stop complaining and to recognize how

Pledging continued government support, Mr Waddington said that since 1979, spending on the police had above inflation. Pay had in-creased by 41 per cent. "That is the price of loyalty," he told federation gave its chairman, is the price of loyalty," he told Mr Alan Eastwood, a stand-the conference. Police strength



Voice in the darkness: Mr David Waddington's speech to the Police Federation was greeted with determined impassiveness in a protest over government "disloyalty"

had risen from 109,000 in London officers received an tion of turning to an officer earning £20,000, including the improvements of the past officers or ambulance drivers 1977 to 126,000 this year. This Government's consistent and constant support for the police since 1979 has changed the picture over-whelmingly for the better and I have to say you know it," the tion to the true rise in living gamations of smaller forces. costs. Changes had been made after calls from the federation but nothing more could be Home Secretary said. But no done. It was time to accept the

home secretary could give the

police everything. Proposals for housing allowances put forward after arbitration had In a speech promoted as an outline of policy, Mr Wad-housing, noting that young dington ruled out any ques-officers in London could be

situation and get on with other

increase of 57 per cent and in class or of a national or Warwickshire the rise was 67 per cent, which bore no relabel did not rule out amal-

Speeches by home secretaries are usually applauded at appreciated points and end with an ovation. Mr Waddington sat down to silence.

He later continued to defend his decisions on police

substantial allowances which were not taxed.

In his speech, Mr Eastwood told the conference: "When morale is attacked by those who have a duty to maintain it at the highest possible level, the only suitable word that comes to mind is betrayal." Thirteen years ago protest had led to the Edmund-Davies report on pay and conditions.

decade, but others have done equally well - including politicians and ministers. MPs were not finding difficulties in recruiting and were generously

"It's a bit rich to try and justify what has been done to are overpaid," he said. No one worried about police pay when officers were called in to

After the speeches, Mr East-wood disputed some of the Home Secretary's figures, saying the federation would not give up its fight on the issue of Parliament and a judicial review. If all else failed, future conferences might well talk of

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#### London failing to win crime battle

By QUENTIN COWDRY HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

POLICE and London's citizens are failing to win the battle against crime in the capital, according to figures released yesterday. They show that recorded offences have risen by 36 per cent since 1979, while clear-up rates have slipped from 20 per cent to 17 per cent.

In publishing the Metro-politzn Police's 1989 report Sir Peter Imbert, the force's commissioner, said that his staff had achieved a record "output". Arrests and detection rates stood at historically high levels, along with calls for assistance. More officers had

been put on the beat. Close reading, however, of the report shows that Sir Peter was anxious to put the best crime rate is placing on his force. An overview of London crime statistics in the report shows that the overall clear-up rate was higher at the start of the Second World War than last year. In 1939, 26 per cent of the 94,600 offences recorded were solved, compared with 17 percent of the 716,500 offences recorded in 1989.

A crime which is cleared up is defined by police as one where a suspect is either charged, cautioned or summoned. It also applies to offences taken into consideration by courts when sentencing, crimes committed by juveniles under the age of criminal responsibility and offences admitted by

prisoners. The ability of the police to clear-up around a quarter of recorded crimes stayed constant between 1939 and the mid-1970s, according to the overview, but seems to have dipped in the late 1970s. In 1979 only 20 per cent of the 557,400 recorded offences were solved.

Detection rates for most of the main crime categories deteriorated between 1979 and 1989, the only exceptions have been sexual crimes.

Crimes cleared up

### Housing a constant source of friction

HOUSING allowances, one of the main issues causing friction between the police and the Government, is likely to continue to dog the relation-ship for some time to come (Stewart Tendler writes).

Police have a rent allowance calculated roughly on the rent of a standard house in their force's area plus an element included for rates. They have also received compensation for tax paid on the allowance.

The system was reviewed recently and went to arbitrators, who suggested a housing allowance that would also go to officers living in police homes. Those officers had been living free but would now pay rent. All officers would pay the poll tax, and the housing allowance would be reviewed based on a formula including the retail price index across the country.

The Home Office turned down the arbitration although the police say that could be done only for reasons of the "national interest" under agreements. The Home Office has made some concessions but is insisting overall that serving officers will continue to get their money as at present, but it will not be increased until the new allowance system catches up

The new system will apply to new officers. The formula for the housing element will be based on the old rent allowance but without the money that was included for rates or the cash to offset taxation. Increases will be based only on the RPI and reviewed every two years. Officers in police houses will get nothing.

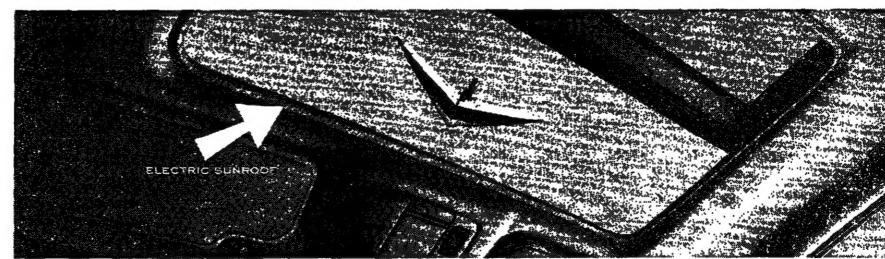
Workers in other emergency services have no housing a lowance. Firemen are provided with free uniforms and can claim medical allowances for certain prescriptions and treatment. They are able to have medical charges incurred at work reimbursed, if those are covered under the National Health Service Act of 1977. A fireman, on an average salary of £13,125 after four years' service, must pay nearly 11 per cent of his wages into a pension fund. Lower-ranking firemen must retire at 55.

Ambulance workers receive free uniforms and travel allowances. In London, the travel allowance is about £1,300 a year and is added on to salaries. The Department of Health said hospital doctors and nurses receive no allowances for medical care or accommodation. Nurses are charged for their lodgings by the National Health Service.

# WHAT HAS THE NEW MONTEGO LX GOT OVER THE COMPETITION?

(HERE ARE A FEW POINTERS.)







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### Prison officer attacks 'Maggie's boot boys'

urged them to refuse to act as strike breakers.

Mr Terry McLaren, Wandsup to the Government and with other disputes since - at said 'We are no longer going to Wapping, for example."

A PRISON officer yesterday be your boot boys'." Later he accused police of being added: "The police really should not intervene in what are, after all, legitimate industrial disputes.

Mr McLaren, who last year worth branch secretary of the led prison officers during a Prison Officers' Association, dispute at Wandsworth when criticized the role of police police took control of the during the recent ambulance south London jail, also acdispute. Mr McLaren, a cused police officers of heavy-Conservative Party member, told the association's annual and pickets. "It started with conference in Portsmouth: the miners' strike when police "It's high time police officers really were seen as Maggie's developed some spine, stood boot boys and we've seen it ON THE NEW MONTEGO 1.6 LK. HOWEVER, WHERE THE MAJOR COMPETITION! IS CONCERNED. IT'S A CASE OF MOPE ELECTRICS - MOPE CHARGE. THE LK'S PERFORMANCE IS PPETTY ELECTRIC TOO.

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# Curriculum 'won't solve literacy problems'

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

children's ability to read and past. He said: "It would be write, as demanded by the easy to blame the schools but Government through the Nat- children are affected by their ional Curriculum, are unlikely to improve the literacy of at least one million teenagers who say they have difficulty in reading and writing using correct spelling.

Who say they have difficulty in ditional methods."

Mr Wells said a survey of 1,000 people aged between 16

Mr Alan Wells, director of the government-financed Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit (Albsu), says: "It is not enough to know what is wrong with an individual child. We must know how to put it right. Most teachers can tell you what is wrong, what we need to know is how we can put it right.

Mr Wells, a former teacher, emphasized that the findings should not be taken as proving there were more illiterate teen-

### Average pilot 'is not a superman'

THE average airline pilot is not especially clever and for most of his time at the controls he does not have to be, nor is it desirable that he should be, a leading aviation psychologist said yesterday.

Dr Roger Green, of the Institute of Aviation Medicine, told a Royal Aeronautical Society conference in London yesterday that pilots were "by and large not as bright as the average under-graduate but about as bright as people who go to a polytechnic or technical college".

"We don't have supermen as pilots," he said. "But how smart do you want a pilot to be? At the moment we don't want pilots to be clever and for much of the time he doesn't have to be clever. Yet at the same time we expect them to be super smart when something unusual, which is not in

the manual, goes wrong." Dr Green, who gave evidence at the M1 air disaster inquest, reiterated his view that a three-man crew is preferable to a two-man crew because a third man can check the actions of the others in an emergency and keep a look out while they are busy with instruments and controls. His view had been challenged earlier by Mr Philip Condit, executive vice-president of Boeing, who said research had proved that two men were safer than three because it was easier to communicate be-

Dr Green urged aircraft manufacturers to concentrate far more effort on producing well designed and large instruments to avoid confusion and to help pilots, "who may be over 40 with slightly failing eyesight", to see them clearly.

tween two people.

"By putting computers into the aircraft we have put the pilot at a greater distance from the raw data and the real world. Flying an aircraft now is often no different from flying a simulator. This is great while they work but if they start to go wrong it is difficult for the pilot to second

LEGALLY enforced tests of agers now than in the recent parents, even employers. There are older people coming to our units taught by tra-

> and 20, published yesterday, which showed that one in four young people in England and Wales admitted to having reading problems and more than one-third had difficulty with spelling, should not be used to give a national picture

The figures from the limited The figures from the limited survey, where people were asked to judge their own literacy level, suggested that one million people aged under 20 were finding it difficult to read and write. The latest figures show that about 300,000 adults are completely illimited. show, however, that un-employed young people had more difficulty in filling job application forms. One in four of the unemployed said they could not fill forms.

The problem facing Albsu is that 45 per cent of those interviewed said they did not know there were classes where they could learn to read and write and one-third said they

did not want to learn. Mr Wells said: "It would be too simple to blame the schools for failing to teach children how to read and write. If it was just them we could solve the problem.

"There is a mixture of reasons, parents who do not motivate their children to read, homes where there are no books and sometimes, it has to be said, bad teaching. There are older people in our teaching units who also have difficulty in reading and spelling and who have been taught by traditional methods. They cannot read either."

The inability to read and write fluently was felt most by the unemployed. A quarter said they were unable to fill in job application forms. Nearly half - 43 per cent - said they never read books while 99.1 per cent said they read news-

papers or magazines. If the figures of this survey were spread nationally it million 16 to 20-year-olds have difficulties with reading while 1.5 million face diffi-

culties with spelling. The Department of Education last night said the sample was small and relied "self-reporting". "The National Curriculum will, when it comes through, deal with a lot of these problems. It has measures to improve writing and reading skills," the

department said. Mr John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association, said National Curriculum tests for 14 year olds were complex and time-consuming but external testing would be unwelcome.

He told a regional SHA meeting in Redbridge, northeast London: "Standards in the core subjects may be externally moderated if necessary and guidelines on assessment techniques can be offered. Any more than that would impose an impossible burden on pupils and teachers alike. At all costs, let us avoid guess the computer," he said. | mad examination disease."

# Helicopter airlifts a mountain footpath



A helicopter flying in part of a consignment of 120 tonnes of industrial sandstone to a mountain top in the Yorkshire Dales yesterday to repair a footpath worn away by hill walkers. In more than 100 sorties between the summit and a quarry at nearby ingleton, North Yorkshire, the aircraft ferried one-tonne loads of hardcore allowing workers to lay down more

A MOVE to stop senior judges

exercising a power of veto that

would restrict the opening up

of the higher courts to solic-

itors is expected in the Com-

An amendment promoted by the Law Society has been

sabled to the Courts and Legal Services Bill, now in com-mittee, which would reduce the proposed role of the senior

judges under the legal reforms

The society says that the

publisher proposes to push the

profession into the next cen-

tury with a guide that will list barristers' fees, famous cases and hobbies (Frances Gibb

The guide, like a legal version of Who's Who, is from

the Havers family stable and is

believed to have the support of the former Lord Chan-cellor, Lord Havers. It has

already run up against the con-servatism of the profession,

and barristers at a number of

London chambers were angry

at the prospect of being made

to disclose charging rates and

other details not generally in

The publishers of the guide

said they had taken an "aggressive" approach and barristers who do not comply

with the questionnaire asking

for specified details on charg-

ing rates will be listed in the

guide as having declined to do

so. Yesterday Mr Nicholas of information.

the public domain.

writes).

issue of lawyers' rights of present proposals the entire audience - which lawyer can aim of the Government's legal

Guide to legal fees

gets chilly welcome

THE Bar yesterday was reel- Purnell, QC, chairman of the

ing from the news that a Criminal Bar Association,

to a consultative one.

mons today.

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

appear in what court - deter-

mines public access to the courts. That is such a fun-

damental matter that it must

be for Parliament, rather than

the judges, to have the final say." The senior judges, the society says, should have a

The society, whose amend-

ment is being tabled by Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Tory MP for Leominster, and for-mer barrister turned solicitor,

is concerned that under

said: "This is an interesting bit

of private enterprise but I am

not prepared to be dragooned

into giving information for commercial reasons."

Although the Bar's code of

conduct permits barristers to

publicize charging rates, only one set has done so. It also

permits mention of cases in

chambers' brochures with the

client's permission, but few

have taken advantage of this.
The directory invited barristers to "blow their own
trumpet," Mr Purnell said.

"But the Bar has traditionally

been a referral profession.

Barristers rely for their reput-

ation on their professional

clients." Mr Nicholas Stewart,

QC, a member of the Bar

Council, said yesterday that

though he did not think the

Bar would co-operate, his

chambers, the only one to have disclosed fees, had no

objection to giving that kind

voice, but not a veto.

than 30 yards of refurbished footpath an hour (Ronald Faux writes). Pressure from 120,000 pairs of boots a year heading for Ingleborough summit, a popular viewpoint, had transformed the track across Little Ingleborough into a quagmire more than 30ft wide. Specialists from the Yorkshire Dales National

reforms could be thwarted by

Under the Bill, the new

rules governing the exercise of

wider advocacy rights by solic-

itors will have to be approved by the Lord Chancellor and four senior judges. In its briefing paper to MPs, how-ever, the Law Society says it does not believe "judicial

approval of these rules should

lead to Parliament's wish to extend clients' choice of ad-

vocate being frustrated, es-

pecially as the judges have indicated in their response to

the proposals that they are

oppposed to opening up the higher courts to solicitor-

The amendment, which is

expected to be reached today,

would instead require the

Lord Chancellor to consider

the decision of each of the

designated senior judges when deciding whether to approve

new rules on opening up the

The Government is ex-

pected to resist the move,

maintaining that the judges had always had a role in

deciding who should have rights of audience in the

courts. It also says, however, that in reaching their decision,

judges will have to heed advice both from the new

Lord Chancellor's lay domi-

nated advisory committee as well as from the Director General of Fair Trading.

In the Government's par-

allel legal reforms proposed in

Scotland, a different mecha-

nism is planned by which sol-icitors will acquire wider rights of audience, which will

not involve judges, "keeping them clear of any disputes bet-

ween the two branches of the

profession," the society says.

higher courts.

"There is a risk that it will

be required.

the senior judiciary.

decided to lay a bedding of geotextile buried beneath natural footpath. The airlift is part of an £800,000 experimental programme in the Three Peaks area, which the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology has described as having one of the worst eroded footpaths in the United Kingdom.

# Solicitors move to limit top judges' veto power

THE TUC yesterday planted concern about easy and excessits feet irrevocably in the sive credit which could lead to capitalist camp by launching a bad debt. To combat this, credit card as part of its strategy of maintaining and improving membership of the union movement

Introducing the card, which has a potentially large market of more than six million users, Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said: The credit card is particularly important because it is a modern benefit and a highly visible one. It shows our members and potential members that the unions are mov-

their benefit." The card will be promoted lower than Midland Access. unashamedly and deliberately" as being exclusively is designed to appeal to trade

Mr Willis said the move-

bad debt.'



Mr Norman Willis with a giant version of the card

# TUC offers its own credit card

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

One big attraction of the card, which can be used as easily as any other credit card, is there will be no annual fee. It also offers a very competitive rate of interest. At present the new TUC/Unity Credit Card will have an ing with the times, and Credit Card will have an utilizing – dare I say exploiting – the financial system to cent lower than the TSB TrustCard and 2 per cent

The card has been developed by the TUC with Unity for trade unions members and Financial Services, part of the trade union owned Unity Trust Bank group and is a

> HIV's origins, says Nature, but adds to the "fascinating molecular-genetic game" of unravelling them. • Hospital consultants yesterday urged the Government to provide £10 million towards treating thousands of kidney patients with a new drug which can dramatically improve their condition. Only about one in five patients are being given the drug, erythropoietin (EPO), because of its high price. A year's treatment costs up to £5,000 and specialists are having to ration its use.
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> Earlier this week the
> Department of Health licensed the drug but refuses to

sive credit which could lead to bad debt. To combat this, lower paid members could acquire a card which would have a small credit limit.

This will still be a useful amount — a good few tankfulls of petrol, for example — but a restraint on overspending and

MasterCard issued by the

provide central funding for it. It has told regional health authorities they must pay for

it from their existing budgets. Science and Technology, pages 33-36

may be a missing

link to

Aids

By THOMSON PRENTICE SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT IMPORTANT new insights

into the origins of the Aids virus have emerged with the

discovery of a very similar

organism in chimpanzees in

Gabon, west equatorial Africa.

Researchers believe it may

represent a missing link be-

tween the human immunode-

ficiency virus (HIV) - which

causes Aids - and infections in some species of monkeys. The new virus is much more

closely related to HIV-1, the

most common form of the

Aids virus, than any of the

related organisms previously

Details of the findings are

published in today's issue of

Nature. An article says they represent "the most significant clues to date" on the origins of HIV.

Scientists from the Pasteur Institute in Paris and an

international research centre

in Gabon identified the new virus in two chimpanzees; they found it corresponded

closely with all the proteins of HIV-1. The overall genetic

organization of the two vi-

ruses was the same and the

researchers believe the chimp-

anzee organism is a distinct

sub-type. They suggest that

there is a larger pool of related

viruses among primates than

A commentary in Nature

says there have been two

possibilities for the origins of HIV-I. The virus may always

have been present in humans

but gone unrecognized.

According to this theory, hu-

man migration, extensive

travel, sexual promiscuity and

the re-use of syringes and

hypodermic needles could

Alternatively, the infection

may have entered the human

population by transmission

from another species. African

green monkeys and other pri-

mates have been found to

have their own immuno-

deficiency viruses but these

are regarded as distant rela-

Scientists have speculated

that people became infected through being bitten or scratched by monkeys, or by

eating them. The latest find-

ings suggest that HTV may

have evolved from the chimpanzee virus, which in

turn resulted from infection

by monkeys. However, hun-

have been examined and none

has been found to be naturally

The new discovery does not

provide a final solution to

infected with the agent.

tives of the human version.

have triggered its spread.

detected in monkeys.

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# Chief Rabbi urges training to prepare for marriage

Rabbi, yesterday suggested that couples should undergo a form of training to prepare them for the potential pitfalls of marriage when he ad-dressed the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

In his speech, the first by a Chief Rabbi to the assembly, Lord Jakobovits said that the coming decade posed greater challenges to religion than ever before.

condition of marriage, he said: The family has become a disaster area. Its widespread breakdown exacts a higher social and economic cost by fuelling crime, and drugs and drink addiction, than any Aids epidemic. Perhaps we should insist on pre-marital training before we issue marriage

for human life before birth by respect for the embryo and before death by opposing euthanasia, if the horror of violence and murder is to

make our society safer.

LORD Jakobovits, the Chief role in this regeneration for response." The assembly said that the Church should ask the Jakobovits also expressed the grief of Jews at the present troubles in the Middle East.

The assembly called on the Government to reconsider hastily community charge legislation to help the poor and also to overturn its recent decision to freeze child benefit. The Rev Norman Shanks, convener of the church and Citing the present parlous nation committee, which presented a report on social deprivation, said poverty and the ever-widening gap be-tween the rich and the poor was "an offence to our national conscience".

Mr Shanks said that the church had to break free of all political ideologies whether of the right or left. "Alarmist statements about the hijacking Lord Jakobovits said: "We of the Kirk by the political left need to intensify the reverence must be exposed for the tendentious and ridiculous nonsense they are," he said.

> "The existence of poverty, the widening gap between those who are well off and those who are excluded from

condition," he said. Lord Government to bring income support into line with family credit by disregarding child allowances when calculating benefit levels.

One minister, the Rev Gordon McCracken, said the assembly should support the abolition of child benefit to all families and, instead, redirect money to families that were genuinely in need. Many recipients of benefit did not need allowances, he said.

The Kirk gave full backing to the fight to save the Ravenscraig steel complex at Motherwell after a lengthy debate in which ministers said closure would have a devastating effect on Scottish industry.

The Rev Alexander Lawson said: "Iwenty-five per cent of the population of the west of Scotland are employed in industry, where steel is the primary raw concern. Experts estimate that at least 15,000 jobs will disappear if Ravens-craig closes." He said that while the steel industry had been neglected in Scotland. "The challenge is to turn the so much that the rest enjoy is almost £400 million had been aim of life from having a good an offence to our national invested in England Canon aim of life from having a good an onence to our handland invested in England. Canon time into making the times conscience and we in the Kenyon Wright urged the good. Religion must play a key church shall be judged by our Church to voice its support. Kenyon Wright urged the

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# Brooke strategy paves the way for Ulster inter-party talks

By EDWARD GORMAN IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE leaders of Northern Ireland's unionist community are now closer to opening talks with their nationalist counterparts than at any time in the past four and a half years, a senior Unionist politician said yesterday.

Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, an avowed devolutionist and regarded as among the most progressive of Unionist MPs, said Ulster was now "well on the way" to inter-party negotiations. He said the province was closer to talks than at any stage since the signing of the Anglo-lrish Agreement in 1985.

round of negotiations between Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and the two Unionist leaders, Mr James Molyneaux, of the Ulster Unionist Party, and Mr Ian Paisley, of the DUP, in London on Tuesday.

Those talks ended with what observers regarded as an extraordinary display of regarded as an extraordinary display of contentment on the part of Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley, who described themselves "well satisfied" with the outcome. Mr Molyneaux also talked of a "real prospect of success" and hinted that he had made some headway an "he I beginning demand that the Angleon the Unionist demand that the Anglo-Irish Secretariat at Maryfield outside Belfast, which serves the Anglo-Irish Mr Robinson's upbeat assessment in Conference, be suspended. Yesterday Mr

Molyneaux hinted further, in a brief statement, that he and Mr Paisley may now be reaching the end of the exploratory round of talks and were preparing to enter the next phase of bilateral exchanges with the Secretary of State. "We have reached the final meeting in the series and are well satisfied with the result," it said.

However, with all parties to the process including the Irish Government maintaining a strict silence yesterday -itself regarded as highly significant political circles in Northern Ireland were speculating on what exactly happened in London. Since Mr Brooke began this process in January, with the ultimate aim of securing inter-party talks in Ulster on a future devolved administration, he has accommodated in turn two pre-conditions laid down by the Union-ists. First, he declared publicly that the Government was prepared to consider an alternative to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and second, he agreed that the normal summer gap between meetings of the conference could be defined in advance and utilized as an opportunity to open negotiations.

The stumbling block until Tuesday was the third Unionist demand for a suspension of the workings of the Secretariat, a concession on which the Social Democratic and Labour Party and Dublin are reluctant to give ground because they believe that to do so would be to give the impression that the agreement itself is in jeopardy. Some

observers were speculating that Mr Brooke had made an offer to Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley in London which largely satisfied the spirit of their pre-condition even if it fell short of a complete suspension of the Secretariat. For example, Mr Brooke may have offered, presumably with prior agreement from Dublin, to redeploy one civil servant each from the four-strong Irish

and British contingents at Maryfield, while at the same time offering publicly to declare that article 3 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which defines the role of the Secretariat, is put on ice during the period that any talks are in progress. Other observerssuggested that the Unionists may even be preparing the ground publicly for a possible collapse of the process, which they will seek to distance themselves from and blame on the intransigence of Mr Brooke and/or Dublin and the SDLP over their insistence that the Secretariat be suspended. Mr Brooke has impressed politicians of all shades of opinion in Ireland with his careful persistence. As one nationalist politician put it: "He's got the Whitelaw touch."

Mr Brooke will now consult the SDLP and Dublin before proceeding. Mr Molyneaux is a convinced integrationist and Mr Paisley will not share power. These are points of principle which do not sit easily with the Government's overall ambition of creating a new devolved government in Northern

# MPs want fraud check on £8bn jobs training fund

GOVERNMENT payments are also serious shortcomings damental skills that are not are open to fraud, the Commons public accounts committee said yesterday.

The MPs said that the checks on how managing unemployed adults, the com-agents handle public funds fall mittee also expressed dismay short even of the Department at the low number of trainees of Employment's minimum who went on to find the jobs standards and no proper they had been trained to do on records are kept of known and government-sponsored suspected fraud. The committee was told of suspected cases of corrupt transactions involving false wage claims worth more than £575,000 by those running the projects.

After investigating the training schemes it said: "Financial monitoring was not always accorded high not always accorded high completing Youth Training priority and there was a lack of Scheme got jobs and 64 per adequately trained staff, with the result that monitoring was frequently not of sufficient depth to substantiate the acc- thought-out schemes of trainuracy of agents' claims. There ing should provide fun-

the employees in the region carning less than the threshold

figure of £4.16 an hour or £157

a week. According to the first annual report of the Scottish

Low Pay Unit presented in

Edinburgh yesterday, if over-

half of them below the thresh-

Workers are, says the re-

port, "being illegally under-

paid but are too afraid of

victimization or dismissal to

Scotland is the region with the

highest proportion of low paid

Commenting on the report,

full-time workers in Britain.

Miss Morag Gillespie, the director of the unit, said: "The

steady stream of inquiries to

the unit has revealed that

many workers find themselves

position. It is totally unaccept-

able that any workers should

old for a 37.7-hour week".

Scots workers

'on lowest pay'

By a STAFF REPORTER

LOW pay in Scotland is Many of the new jobs being

increasing with almost half created in the country are in the employees in the region sectors where low pay and

time is excluded the level of £1.98 an hour. She com-

low pay "reaches frightening mented: "After I have paid all

proportions with more than the bills I cannot even afford

totalling £8.8 billion towards in the adequacy and accuracy too narrowly focused, but we running training schemes for of some managing agents' the young and unemployed records."

After examining training schemes operated by 5,000 managing agents for nearly 700,000 young people and unemployed adults, the com-

For example, only 32 per cent of those training in building and construction work found jobs in that sector between May 1986 and April 1988. The department's latest figures, however, showed that employers with skilled about 86 per cent of those cent received qualifications.

The cross-party committee said: "We recognize that well

poor conditions are common-

Instances of low pay given in the report include a single

parent with three children

who was working as a cook for

shoes for myself."

are not convinced that the number of trainees obtaining iobs in sectors other than those for which they have been trained is necessarily a fair reflection on the training

"Thus, while we acknowl-

edge that there have been recent improvements, we remain concerned at the relatively low numbers of trainees who enter occupations related to their training We consider that one major measure of the success of the department's training schemes should be the extent to which they have provided workers."
A 1988 departmental re-

view found wide variations in the competence and qualifications of managers who were given responsibility for running the training schemes, with many work-place supervisors having little knowledge of the Youth Training Scheme's objectives. But after the initial teething problems, the committee welcomed improvements and hoped it would result in a big rise in trainees receiving qualifications.

"The department acknowledged that ensuring the competence of trainers was a problem in an important area and one where they had started weakly but were becoming very much stronger," the report said.

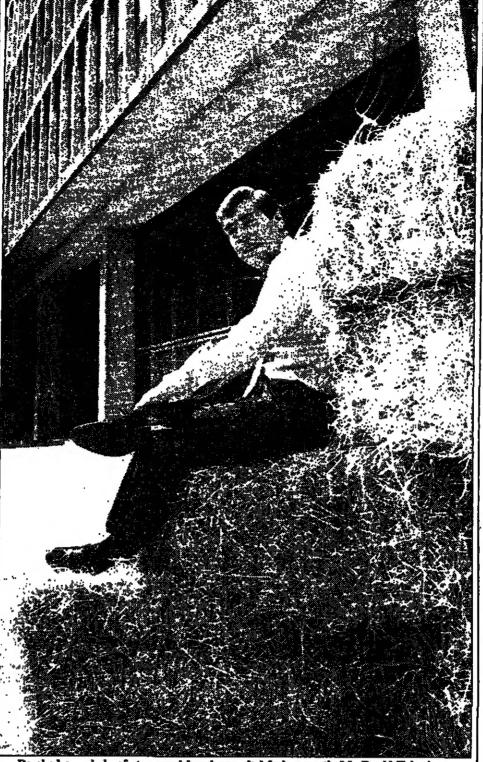
Only 25 applicants from potential trainers out of 3.184 were rejected. In addition, the department added that half the applicants were given only provisional training status until they improved their stan-dards. A further 166 later

A security guard on a build-ing site said: "Over the week-end I only get four hours' sleep withdrew their applications. The department is setting up 61 accredited training censo by Monday I'm dead. For that I get the princely sum of tres across the country, costing about £8 million a year, for make a complaint against £1.25 an hour." A relief their bosses". The report janitor, aged 52, earning states that at 33.6 per cent, £73.60 for a 40-hour week, instructing the trainers and supervisors. In spite of assurances from officials, the comsaid: "I am a registered dismittee called for more regular abled person. One of my inspection visits to check on duties is conveying toxic waste on a trolley, including the standard of training being given under the Governether and cyanide. I wasn't ment's schemes.

given any protective clothing: The committee also I had to buy it myself." Another security guard, earning £1.83 an hour for 12criticized the lack of a "good intelligence system" in many area training offices about the in an increasingly vulnerable hour shifts - day and night local jobs available. If a proper said: "When complaints are overview was carried out, made regarding pay you are told that 'if you don't like it, feel unable to pursue their told that 'if you don't like it, legal rights for the want of leave — we can always get basic employment protection. training could be more closely geared to local and national skill shortages.

The new Training and Enterprise Councils will have a soundly based labour market information system to contact. In evidence to the committee, however, department officials said that firms considered their employment needs for only nine to 12 months ahead while the department had to consider

The committee discloses that fees are sometimes paid to training managers even when a trainee does not turn up. It complains that details are not kept about unfilled



Perched on a bale of straw and bearing a pitchfork, a rustic Mr David Trippier, Minister of State for the Environment and Countryside, sits outside the yesterday to publicize Countryside Week next month

# Maguire tests were done by trainee of 18

By RAY CLANCY

A TRAINEE who had just left seen so many positive on a school carried out sensitive plate at a reasonably high level forensic tests which led to the of intensity. We just didn't conviction and imprisonment of Mrs Annie Maguire and six others, the inquiry into their cases was told yesterday.

The results of the tests for explosives carried out by Mr David Wyndham at a forensic laboratory in Woolwich, south-east London, were so positive that even the chief scientist was surprised, the third day of the inquiry, headed by Sir John May, was

Mr Douglas Higgs, the prin-cipal scientific officer in charge of forensic science at the Royal Armourment Re-search and Development Establishment, where swabs from the Maguires and their house were taken for examination, said the 18-year-old would not have been given the job unless he was capable.

He told the inquiry that Mr Walter Elliott, one of the main prosecution witnesses at the Maguire trial in 1976 and the chemist in charge at the time, would have taken the decision as to who would carry out the tests. Mr Elliott has since died.

Mr Higgs added that at least two senior people would have looked at the tests, which involved comparing samples of suspect swabs with standard samples of four explosives, including nitro-glyce-rine, the compound widely used by the IRA in the 1970s.

During the tests the operator would look for pink spots appearing at the same speed and density as those of the explosive samples. The swabs taken from the Maguires had shown more spots. Guiseppe Conlon, who died in than had ever been seen before prison, and Mr Patrick said, "Never before had we tinues today.

believe it, quite honestly. I have a distinct memory of all those spots and their strength relative to the standard sample. My view at the time was that they contained an appreciable amount of nitroglycerine."

Asked if it had been possible to double check the tests Mr Higgs said that all the swabs had been used in the original test. "You would have had to decide whether to sub-divide and possibly lose all trace or take a chance and use all and get a firm reaction," Mr Higgs said. "That was a tactical working decision that had to be taken by the operator." (Mr Wyndham).

Mr Higgs, who retired in 1982, told the inquiry that at the time of the trial he knew of a possibility that other sub-stances could mimic the nitroglycerine test. He said he was aware of 42,000 compounds of which 1,050 were nitro compounds "which could conceivably give rise to a positive

He disclosed that in the runup to the Maguire trial he asked Mr Wyndham to test 200 of them but the vast majority of the compounds were "very obscure" and several had to be made up specially, so he did not feel they could have given rise to positive tests.

The inquiry into the convictions of Mrs Maguire, her husband Patrick, sons Vincent and Patrick, Mrs Maguire's brother Sean Smith, her husband's brother-in-law, Mr O'Neill.

#### Feast of modern art to grace British Library

THE new British Library at St of our own generation." Pancras launched an ambitious £1 million contemporary art scheme yesterday whereby it will be festooned with the art of the 90s (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

More than a hundred locations within the library, which is due to open in 1993, will be chosen. Mr Michael Smethurst, chairman of the project's wrst, chairman or the proposal selection committee, said:
"We want to share with our ing groups of artists for their ideas for other sites. Mr tion of art bequeathed to us by seeking out the finest talents joint incentive funding.

The Scottish-Italian sculptor Eduardo Paolozzi has already been commissioned to do a large bronze statue of Sir Isaac Newton, which will race a piazza. The entrance hall will have a huge tapestry taken from a painting by the American-British artist R.B. Kitaj inspired by a number of literary and artistic works.

Richard Luce, Minister for the earlier generations, as well as Arts, has promised support for tion tower.

equipping young people for a proper career.

Provision of Training through Managing Agents: Committee of Public Accounts 15th report, Department of Employment (Stationery Office; £7.15)

#### Slimbridge £6m visitor centre plan

A VISITOR centre, costing £6

director, said yesterday that work could start next summer if planning consent is granted. He said the founder of the trust, the late Sir Peter Scott, wanted an observation tower which could be used by the disabled and elderly. wanted everyone to be able to get up high, as he often did in his own tower, and have a bird's eye view of the trust grounds, the Severn estuary and the birds themselves," Dr

would involve creating two new lakes, one between the new arrivals centre and the car park. Dr Bertram said: "If we can get the planning permission and the funding we can start work on site here early next summer and be in occupation in the middle of 1993."

million, set amid two new lakes is being planned by the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust at its beadquarters in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. The trust has applied to Stroud District Council for planning permission for the project, which includes a 60ft observa-Dr Brian Bertram, trust

Bertram said. The new development

# Sweet life beats Gibraltar's apes

package holidays have not been kind to the apes on the Rock of Gibraltar. They muddled through wars and epidemics in an endearingly British way, but overfeeding by tourists has finally demoralized them.

Sated by Smarties and other disastrously addictive treats, the 21-strong Queen's Gate troop is being retired to a wardened park set up on heights above the town at a cost of around £100,000. From next week visitors will pay 50p to see these pillars of the old imperial order.

misnamed apes - they are and many feed them the holds that if the apes ever has endorsed the Gibraltar large tail-less monkeys prop- chocolates and other sweets leave the Rock then so will the park project.

Nelson's time. Since 1915 they have been

on the roll of the British Army and maintained by it with varying degrees of success. But the Queen's Gate troop, unlike the more remote one at Middle Hill, has always been in the front line of confrontation with people. However, their control now passes to the Gibraltar government.

"From the opening of the panied by young. frontier with Spain in 1984, the old imperial order. the apes' situation grew mainly of food pellets such as much of the cedar and holm.

The end of their free-forag-steadily more serious. Three those served at London Zoo, oak forest that is its natural ing life opens a new chapter in and a half million people a the lively history of the Rock's year now come to Gibraltar duct, Dr Fa believes. Legend

which goes back at least to often addicted and obese, with the Great Siege of 1783 when Nelson's time.

Often addicted and obese, with the Great Siege of 1783 when the result that the birth rate their alarm barks were said to has fallen. A male will leave a have alerted the garrison to an female on heat to get his attack by the Spaniards. supply of Smarties. Degraded individuals lose interest in mating and fight over food.

The yellowish-green apes also bite the hands that feed them. Injuries to visitors have risen from one or two a year to Dr John Fa, the Gibraltarian director of the park, said:

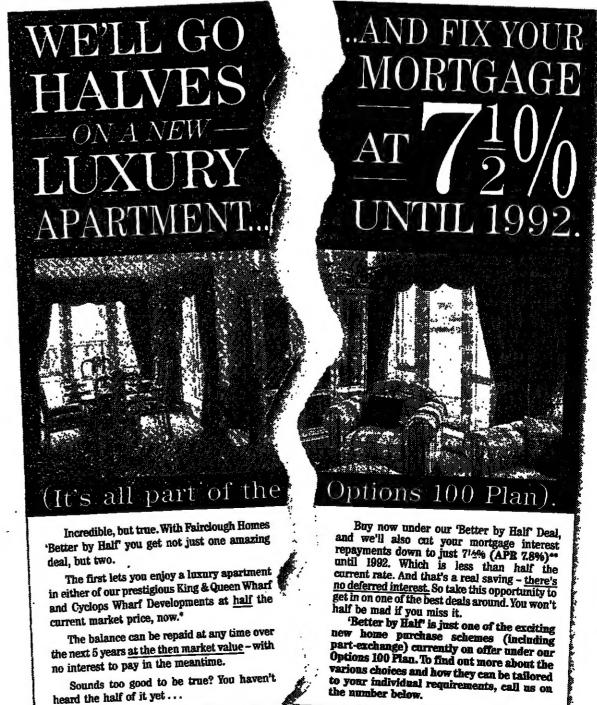
about 70, mostly in summer chroniclers did not mention when the animals are accoming them as being present.

A less sugary regimen, dangered species has lost

THE years of peace and erly called Barbary macaques they love. The animals are British it seems to date from

Earlier records refer to "game from Barbary" being imported, probably to be As a result, the population has hunted by bored members of fallen from 130 to 70." the garrison. Macaques were found in southern Europe at the time of the last Ice Age, but if any were in Gibraltar they left no fossils behind. Moorish

In North Africa the enhabitat, and the International Primate Protection League



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**Fairclough Homes**  AS THE National Executive Committee of the Labour Party approved its policy document yesterday, a Conservative MP made a tongue-incheek attempt to hijack one of its reported key proposals - the roof tax.

But his Bill to bring in a version of the tax received no backing and Mr Dennis Skinner, a former chairman of the Labour Party, denied that it was among Labour's plans. "We killed it long before the Tories played their little game today", he told the

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C), seeking to bring in the Roof Tax Bill under the 10-minute-rule procedure. denied rumours that he was being unserious or frivolous and that what he was proposing was a "spoof tax". He was being most serious in seeking

MRS Thatcher was urged

yesterday to appoint a

highly respected lawyer to

reach an urgent out-of-

court settlement with

HIV victims who have

caught the infection

through contaminated

blood and blood products

Efficiency

advice for

the House

SIR Robin Ibbs, who advised

the Prime Minister on efficiency

and effectiveness in govern-

ment, is to turn his attention to the organization of the House of

He will investigate whether it

is possible to set up a co-ordinated management and de-

cision-taking structure under the control of the House in place

the present fragmented

Mr Alan Beith, chairman of

the House of Commons Com-mission, announced in a written

decided to set up a review to

examine whether the responsib-

ilities for the management of the House and its facilities, at

present divided between the commussion, the Select Com-

mittee on Commons Services,

the Department of the Environ-

House, could be brought

structure in the Commons that

could respond adequately to MPs' needs and demands for

services, and determine prior-

Sir Robin had been invited to

undertake the work and in due

course would advise the com-

uons for change. MPs would be

consulted, individually or col-

lectively, through various committees of the House and

other bodies, and would be able

to make individual representa-

the outcome of this review and of any organizational proposals arising therefrom, after Sir Robin Ibbs has tendered his advice to the commission."

The inquiry is expected to last

some weeks and Sir Robin may present a report before the end of this session.

"The House will be advised of

tions to Sir Robin.

The aim would be to ensure a

to advance democratic debate and and for a meeting to discuss tactics, provide alternatives for people to but that had been refused. provide alternatives for people to choose between.

No one voted for it, however, and leave was refused by 119 votes to nil. Mr Hamilton said that, because the Labour Party was out of practice in introducing legislation into the House, he had decided to distill his wisdom of the past 12 years and give the Opposition an opportunity to introduce the flagship of their local

government proposals. The Opposition had resolved to change the community charge as soon as it was returned to office. Mr Brian Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, had said so on many occasions.

Haemophiliacs

need urgent help,

Thatcher told

**HIV INFECTION** 

administered by the Nat-

Speaking during a wide-rang-ing debate in the Commons, Mr Alfred Morris Manchester,

Wythenshawe, Lab) said that many of the victims had died

and many others had scant prospect of living to see a court settlement of their claims.

He had suggested to the Prime Minister that she might follow the precedent he had set as

Minister for the Disabled in the

1970s when he appointed the late Sir Alan Marre to undertake

an inquiry into the Thahdomide dispute. At that time Sir Alan

had recently retired from the office of Ombudsman. His re-port later that year settled the

The Prime Minister might

now consider the appointment of Sir Anthony Barrowclough,

who had also retired recently as Ombudsman and was highly respected, to do the same job for HIV victims.

Commons debates had drawn attention to cases of children suffering from haemophilia who had become HIV-positive. In one case, a couple had two sons who contracted HIV. The elder boy had full-blown Aids and was

terminally ill, but their cases

were only two of 1,200 in which HIV was confirmed.

"Many of the victims have

died and more live with the

prospect of an early and most painful death in direct con-

sequence of treatment they were given under the NHS."

tims would be posthumous - which was not justice at all.

Justice for many of the vic-

He was told there was not a

precise parallel with the

Thalidomide case, but the Thal-

idomide issue did involve severely disabled people who

less odds to achieve justice through the courts. The same

applied to the present dispute.

deaths among people with Aids due to contaminated blood

made an out-of-court settlement

Earlier in the debate, Sir Barney Haykoe (Brentwood and

Isleworth, C) (right), a former Minister for Health, called for emergency funds during this financial year to prevent the closure of National Health Ser-

vice beds and operating

all the more pressingly urgent.

The increasing number of

ional Health Service.

He had written to Mr Gould asking for his assistance in drafting the Bill

Mr Gould had recently moved from his constituency of Dagenham to a flat in the former servants' quarters of an eighteenth-century manor in Moreton-in-the-Marsh. His move was understandable since a roof tax would mean a £711 charge in his constituency compared with the £278 community charge.

In Scotland, there were blocks of flats which had been given a negative valuation. Presumably with a roof tax, residents would be paid to live there. Would the Speaker, residing in the Palace of Westminster, have to put up bed and breakfast signs to meet his enormous roof tax?

It would be simple to avoid the tax of course - by removing the roof.

taking place between the Trea-sury and health ministers on

public spending for next year, but there was increasing pres-

Last autumn the Secretary of State for Health (Mr Kenneth

Clarke) had obtained extra resources for the health service this year and he had equated

those resources with real growth. But since then inflation had more than eroded that hoped-for growth.

The global figures did not reveal the whole truth. They did not show the higher growth of family practitioner services, which were not cash limited.

and the lower growth of hospital

and community care services

"Regional and district health authorities are facing very severe financial constraints leading to limits and reductions

and cuts in in-patient services.

"These are necessary to bal-

ance their books during the current financial year and min-isters are more than usually

insistent this year that the books are balanced so as to have an even playing field for the introduction of the new financial regime for hospital services

which will come as a result of the NHS and Community Care

The parliamentary spring re-

cess, starting tomorrow, pro-

the difficulties. Otherwise, there would be ward and bed closures

and restrictions on operating

theatres. That was an enormously inefficient way of reduc-

ing spending within the health

service, reducing productivity, increasing the costs of particular operations in a very unaccept-

Longer waiting times and waiting lists would result. That

would happen in the context of a

health service where morale was

already below its best. Nurses from the West Middlesex Hos-

pital had been to see him to

complain that they were being treated unfairly by the poll tax compared, for example, with

RAF apprentices, and about the "abominable conditions" in

nursing homes. Health authori-

ties did not have the resources to do anything about it.

The case for in-year increases for the health service grew

stronger. Urgent and sympa-

thetic action was required from the ministers concerned. "I

hope an appropriate in-year increase for the health service

hospitals will be agreed."

vided an opportunity to review

sure on hospitals now.

property considerably.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C), opposing the Bill, said that it was singularly ill

If he did not know Mr Hamilton better he would have suspected him of consulting Mr Bryan Gould. Mr Hamilton was an unlikely champion of socialism. Only this week, he had espied him at a society wedding wearing spats and carrying a silvertopped cane.

Mr Hamilton may have brought the proposal forward in a mischievous tone, but it was a serious

How could a tax based on the capital value of a house be fair if the taxpayer - such as a tenant - had no

Peers concern for

human rights

**HOUSE OF LORDS** 

Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

bone, the former Lord Chan-

cellor, said that, compared with the appalling state of the rest of the world, this was a very agreeable country to live in. By far the most serious encroach-

ments of civil liberties were criminality, violence and ter-

Nobody could get to the court at Strasbourg until they had exhausted local remedies. Brit-

ish judges were far better judges of what did or did not apply in

"Therefore I would be glad to

see the European convention.

subject to the soveriegnty of Parliament, incoporated into

Lord Alexander of Weedon

(C) said: "Society increasingly comprises minorities whose in-

terests might not have enough

widespread appeal or, to put it crudely, sufficient voting pull for them to be effectively pro-

Opening the debate, Lord Irvine of Lairg (Lab) said that a sustained feature of this Admin-

istration had been its obsession

Parliament, in the exercise of sovereignty, to decide.

the British context.

the British system.

tected in Parliament".

pean convention.

THE incorporation of the Euro-

pean Convention on Human Rights into British law found favour on all sides of the Lords

during a debate on civil

Lord Hutchinson of Lalling-ton (Lib Dem) said that more cases had been upheld in the

European Court of Human

Rights in Strasbourg against Britain than against any other

He told peers that the "long trek to a foreign jurisdiction to

must surely be a matter of shame to this Government".

tempt of court, data protection,

prison rules, immigration, cor-poral punishment, mental pa-

official secrets, homosexuality and the closed shop.

More than 100 important

changes to regulations and administrative practices affect-ing citizens' civil rights here had resulted from decisions made in

The only way forward now was the incorporation of the European convention into Brit-

ish law, as every other European

Strasbourg.

country had done.

rights, children in care.

interest in that value? The proposal was riddled with inconsistencies and fundamentally flawed.

They had still not heard whether Labour's tax would be on individuals or households. Only Labour would produce a tax and then not say who would pay it.

The whole thing was a diversion from what they should be discussing: not the nature of local government tax, but that too much was being charged. Roof tax was a mere smokescreen. After the result of the division had

been announced, Mr Neil Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that Mr Skinner had voted against the Bill. As a roof tax was Labour policy, he should

explain his action. Mr Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said

that the NEC had never discussed the roof tax. What had taken place was based on a figment of the imagination.

MPs issue two

more attacks on

poverty figures

GOVERNMENT statistics are taking the Government's own

 Earlier, the Conservative owner of a roofless old mill sought ministerial advice on whether he should replace that roof. He was told, however, that he should address his question to the proposers of the roof tax - the

Labour Party. Mr Roger Knapman (Stroud, C) said that the roof of his old mill had fallen in 10 years ago. "Should I repair it or leave it as it is?"

Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities. said that it was up to the Labour Party to supply the details of its roof tax, and particularly, to explain who

# Inquiry into Labour

An urgent investigation into alleged acts of spite against Conservative wards by two Labour-controlled councils is being made by Mr Michael Portille. Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities.

Mr Robert Dunn (Dartford, C) asked him during Commons questions to consider legislation to avoid a disgraceful practice by the Labour-controlled councils of Walsall and Bradford whereby people living in Tory wards should receive fewer services and have less money spent on them than those in Labour wards.

Mr Portille said that he had been so appalled by the allegations that he was examining the matter urgently. He had spoken to Councillor Pickles (who was leader of the former Conservative-controlled Bradford council) and was trying to establish what was

"I urge charge payers in these areas to examine whether they might not al-

#### Chope pledge on charge

The Government will set the community charge on empty properties if it finds that local councils do not ex-ercise their discretion properly, Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of

State, Environment, said. He told Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk, C) that ing to local authorities to find out exactly how they were exercising their discretion in charging for empty prop-erties. Councils have discretion to charge from nothing up to double commu-

nity charge. If the discretion was not being used sensibly, the Government would have to consider whether to specify the maximum for particu5.7

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# GOVERNMENT statistics are camouflaging the true extent of poverty in Britain since the 1988 social security reforms by underestimating the number of families living under the income support level, a committee of MPs said yesterday. In a fresh challenge to the official figures, the House of Commons social services committee published two further in the northern region, there Mr Field said: "The South-east has the lowest proportion of people below half of average income. Yorkshire and Humberside has 72 per cent more people living below half the average income than does the South-east. "In the northern region, there are 63 per cent more people on below half of averate income

and in the North-west there are 45 per cent more at this level of income than in the South-east." The institute also found a huge drop in the number of benefit claimants after the 1988

arbitrary level of those living on

theory asserts that the poorest sections of society benefit from the greater prosperity of the The new analysis shows that nearly four million families, covering 5.7 million people, are

not receiving benefits even though their net resources put them below the income support Mr Frank Field, the committee chairman, said: "Under the old series of data on low income families the Govern-

mittee published two further

studies by the Institute of Fiscal

Studies into the effect of replac-

ing supplementary benefit with

income support and into the regional differences in levels of

The first institute study forced

the Government to change the way it draws up its poverty

figures by disproving the trickle-down theory; that

apparently eligible for supple-mentary benefit but not "It has resolutely refused to publish equivalent data for income support. This is why the committee asked the institute to rework the 1987 family expen-

ment published the numbers

diture survey data." The second study found a

Mr Field said: "A political point that the committee will wish to follow up is why is it that, when most of the pensioners drawing supplementary benefit or housing benefit in 1987 had incomes below in-

come support, the numbers on the welfare roll did not rise when the scheme was introduced the following year."

He added: "Against all expectations, the transfer from supplementary benefit to in-come support resulted in a marked fall in the numbers claiming, from 8.2 million claimants in May 1987 to 7.4

million in 1988". House of Commons Social Services Committee — Households and Families below average income: A Regional Analysis (Stationery Office, £7.15).

House of Commons Social Services Committee - Income Sup-port System and the Distribution of Income in 1987 (Stationery Office; £3.45).

### sharp North/South divide when Call for pensions lead by ministers

same retirement age for men and women was made by Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood

and Ongar, C) in the Commons. He was supported by Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, Lib Dem), who said that some sort of machinery must be set in motion to enable some progress to be made in this vital public

Mr McCrindle, speaking dur-ing a debate about next week's spring recess, said that the matter had become even more important because of the recent judgement in the European Court of Justice. That concerned entitlement under a pri-

vate pension scheme, but he doubted if there would be any consensus within the private occupational pension industry unless and until the Government lead with government secrecy and national security to the prej-udice of traditional freedoms. Viscount Ullswater, for the Government, said that safe-guards already existed in British ment gave a lead. The retirement age presented a difficult problem, one that the legislation and in far more precise terms than in the Euro-Government had understandably sought to avoid. Whichever way the Government moved, it was bound to upset one sex. or the other. There was no easy solution to the matter, but the Government must grasp the That was no reflection on the impartiality of the judiciary but a reaffirmation that it was for

nettle. If the decision were to be to allow everyone to retire at 60 without loss of pension rights, that would need additional investment by the Government of £3.2 billion. At the least, the time had come for the Government to produce proposals.

the mining industry was to continue to be run down, there was an obligation on the Gov-ernment to assist in providing alternative employment for those thrown out of work.

The announcment by Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, that a further 7,000 jobs could be lost to the industry over the next three years, was a continuation of the huge reduc-

tion in the workforce. One of the worrying features of this trend was that the

RETIREMENT

© Later in the same debate, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) said that if

average age of miners was also coming down; it was now 33. If these young men were to lose their jobs, there was little hope they would be able to find work without some help.

#### Hope for the elephant

An expert has suggested that prices of ivory overall have fallen so much that poaching in Africa is no onger worthwhile and in some areas may virtually have stopped, Mr David Heathcost-Amory, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said in a written Commons reply. He added the hope that poaching would soon stop in all parts of Africa.

He said that the decision to ban commercial trade in African elephants and ele-phant products had much a duced demand for ivory.

#### Cambridge environment

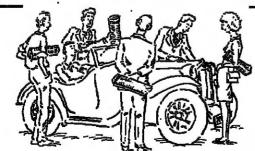
Mr Christopher Patten. the Environment Secretary, confirmed that he believed Cambridge was the best candidate as the base for the new European Environment Agency.

Mr James Paice (South East Cambridgeshire, C) said the Labour council in Cambridge had said it did not want the agency to be based in the city.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Spring adjournment debates on vari-

ous topics. Lords (11): Social Security Bill, committee, third day, Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill and Aviation and Maritime Security Bill, third

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The Labour Party has been redressing the policy shortcomings that penalized the party at the last two elections. But politics is about men as well as measures. As we move into the pre-election phase, Conservatives will intensify efforts to cast doubt on the suitability of Labour's front bench team for

facing the tasks of government. By common consent, Labour now has its most able Shadow Cabinet in years, even if the middle rankers behind them have yet to show the talent evident among the Govern-ment's junior ministers. But ability in opposition is one thing, experience in government is quite another, and a Labour team led by an aspirant prime minister who has never been so much as a parliamentary private secretary in government is clearly

short of practice on the job. Just how short can be seen by comparing the present front bench team with that which came to office with Harold Wilson in 1964. They too took over after a long stretch, 13 years, of Tory rule, but 12 of the 23 members of the first Wilson Cabinet had previous experience of government, four as members of a previous cabinet. This time around only seven of the elected Shadow Cabinet have any experience in govern-ment: Roy Hattersley, John Smith, Gerald Kaufman, John Cunningham, Michael Meacher, Joan Lestor and Margaret Beckett.

Neil Kinnock has only four men in his front bench team with previous experience of the Cabinet (unless you count Stan Orme, now 67, who is listed on the team as chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party but who would be unlikely to be

offered a Cabinet post). The four are Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, 1975-79; John Smith, Secretary of State for



Mr Tony Blair

Trade, 1978-79; John Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, 1974-79; and, in the Lords, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos. Now 73, he was Secretary of State for Wales, 1966-68 and Minister of Agriculture, 1968-70.

In all, Labour has a front bench team of 82 in the Commons, plus 13 whips. There are another 28 party spokesmen in the Lords, including 6 whips, making a total of 123 to face the Government's 120 (85 in the Commons, 14 Commons whips, 15 ministers in the Lords and 6 whips in the upper House). It is an indication of how political House). It is an indication of how political life has developed that the 1964 Labour Government totalled 101.

Of Labour's 32 spokesmen in the Commons, there are just 12 who list previous ministerial experience at any level in Dod's Parliamentary Companion As well as the three former members of

good. Religion must play a key church shall be judged by our Church to voice its support.

the Cabinet (Hattersley, Smith and Morris), there are three who made it to minister of state level in a previous Labour government: Gerald Kaufman, Industry, 1975-79; Denis Howell, Housing, 1969-70, Environment and sport, 1974-79; and John Fraser, Prices and Consumer Protection, 1976-79. But Mr Howell has announced his intention to retire at the next election. tion to retire at the next election.

There are seven more of the present spokesmen with bottom rung experience as spokesmen with bottom rung experience as parliamentary secretaries during a previous Labour government. They are Margaret Beckett, Education; Joan Lestor, Education and Foreign Office; John Cunningham, Energy; Michael Meacher, Industry, Social Security and Trade; Barry Jones, Wales; Alf Morris, DHSS/Disabled; and Jeremy Bray, Power and Mintech Power and Mintech.

At a pinch, Mr Kinnock could claim previous governmental experience for three his team who were whips in the Callaghan days: Ann Taylor, Peter Snape, and Jim Marshall.

What is perhaps more surprising is that, of the Labour front bench in the Commons, only 30 have even been backbench MPs during the lifetime of a Labour government. Gordon Brown, leading the Labour team of six on Trade and Industry, has only one contemporary from the 1983 intake one contemporary from the 1983 intake among them; the rest all entered the Commons in 1987. Tony Blair, another 1983 Commons entrant leading the four-man team on Employment, has two contemporaries from his year and one team member from the 1987 intake.

Promotion comes rapidly in Mr Kinnock's party. Seventeen of those facing the Tories on the front bench entered the Commons only in 1987. Another twenty-two came to Westminster with the previous intake in 1983.

it certainly helps your chances to be a woman. The 23 women Labour MPs include one former from bencher and one deputy Speaker. Of the remaining 21, including the recent by-election victor Sylvia Heal, no fewer than 14 have a place on Mr Kinnock's top team, a striking rate of

Cape Verde said he would leave the West African nation's only political party in preparation for a transition to multi-party democracy. (AP)

Zaire complaint Kinshasa - Zaire said it plans a formal complaint against the Belgian newspaper Le Soir over a report that police slit the throats of 50 students during unrest in Lubumbashi, but added that it might launch

an investigation. (Reuter)

Blind love

Delhi - Two Hindu brides married the wrong men because their long veils obscured their vision of the bridegrooms. (AP)

# **Blow to Canada** unity as Quebec minister resigns

From JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

THE resignation of the most senior Cabinet minister from ister by Quebec members in recent days. Earlier two backbench MPs, Mr François Gerin and Mr Gilbert Bert-Quebec from the Government of Mr Brian Mulroney has fuelled the fires of separatism in the mainly French-speaking province and underlined rand, also quit the Conser- Canadians to dig in their heels growing difficulties in Canada's confederation.

a series dealt the Prime Min- deadline is June 23. The

Le Pen to pay

token damages

wing leader, M Jean-Marie Le insulting a minister after mak-

symbolic one franc (11p) in referred to Jews and gas ovens

damages yesterday for having and is also due to face charges

into the national Constitution.

THE French extreme right-

Pen, was ordered to pay a

described Nazi gas chambers as a "detail" in the history of

A civil court in the Paris

suburb of Nanterre ruled that

the leader of the National

Front had "committed a fault

... for which he cannot say

that he was only making use of

in a radio interview in

ages from nine groups rep-

resenting concentration camp

survivors and their descen-

dants. M Patrick Quentin,

lawyer for an anti-racist group

which jointly sponsored the

civil case against M Le Pen,

described the ruling as a "perfect judgment". But other

defence sources spoke pri-

M Le Pen had said: "I am

studied the question, but I

think it is a mere detail in the

history of the Second World

The civil damages suit was

the latest in a series of legal

and other problems besetting

M Le Pen. The European

Parliament lifted his par-

liamentary immunity in

March for a second time in

three months at the request of

Drugs haul

claimed as

biggest ever

Karachi — Pakistani official said that they had seized 66,408 lb of hashish in what

they called the world's biggest-

Agha Sikander Ali, regional director of the Pakistan Narcotics Control Board, said

the hashish, seized in Karachi

and hidden in a fake military trailer, was destined for Europe (AFP)

12 face charges

Canberra - Federal investi-

gators said in a Senate report that up to 12 individuals could be prosecuted as a result of

investigations into alleged Second World War criminals

Keelung, Taiwan - The dissident Chinese radio ship,

Goddess of Democracy, was

living in Australia. (AP)

Ship setback

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September, 1987.

the Second World War.

It represents a personal Commons committee, made public last week, which tragedy for Mr Mulroney, a long-time personal friend of recommended ways to break the minister, Mr Lucien the long-gathering impasse Bouchard. the long-gathering impasse over a constitutional agree-Mr Bouchard announced ment, called the Meech Lake his resignation as Environ- accord. The three defectors ment Minister on Tuesday, maintain that the report of the saying that he could no longer tolerate the recent "outpouring of prejudices and emo-

tions" against Quebec in alters the accord.

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about statements alleging

"international Jewry" was fomenting "anti-national feel-

An increasing number of

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cemetery case.

THE Colombian drug baron, Pablo Escobar, has defied

more lawmen than Billy the

Kid, bribed more judges than Al Capone, and slaughtered

more innocent bystanders than Bonnie and Clyde, if

official accounts of his ex-

The 40-year-old boss of the

world's richest cocaine ring, the Medellin Cartel, is the most wanted gangster in his own country and in the US,

and his picture is in files from Mexico City to London. Yet

the efforts of police forces and

armies from several countries

have failed to catch him, after

Once a petty hoodlum

Escobar is now credited with

having ordered hundreds of

killings, including government ministers, presidential candidates, policemen, judges and journalists.

The former car thief and

drug courier or "mule" is also

accused of financing paramili-

tary armies that control vast areas of rural Colombia, and

squads of hired killers who

a 10-month manhunt.

ploits are to be believed.

passions on both sides of Canada's English-French divative caucus to sit as independents.

The immediate catalyst in all cases was the report of a Commons committee, made public last week, which canada does not understand their aspirations.

It has also undoubtedly

quarrel has ignited dormant

increased separatist pressures in Quebec, which accounts for about a quarter of the national population of 25 million.

A poll published last week in the Toronto Star indicated that support in Quebec for a politically independent state associated economically with Canada had climbed to 60 per cent. This compares with 40 per cent who voted for the same concept in a referendum conducted by Quebec's sepa-ratist Parti Québecois (PQ) government in 1980.

The separatist threat waned for a few years after 1980, but has flared again in the seem-ingly endless baggling over a constitutional deal.

Mr Bouchard himself had pronounced separatist lean-ings before Mr Mulroney, taking one of the biggest gambles of his political life, promoted him to the Cabinet in 1988 and subsequently made him his "Quebec lieutenant". Before that, Mr Bouchard had served for a time as Canadian ambassador to France.

Mr Bouchard supported the separatist side in the 1980 referendum and has remained an ardent Quebec nationalist trying to balance his preeminent loyalty to Quebec with his loyalty to Canada.

Pen's native La Trinité sur His resignation was prob-Mer in Brittany, have banned ably only a matter of time his public rallies for fear of after he sent a message of his freedom of speech." M Le incidents. M Le Pen has been support last Saturday to a PQ Pen made the statement, a mainstay of the extreme convention commemorating which outraged France's in-right for three decades, but has the tenth anniversary of the fluential Jewish community, only made gains in opinion independence referendum. polls in the past six or seven The message referred to the "honesty, pride and generosity" of the pro-sovereignty team that had fought the years as more whites reacted The court ruling followed a to what they saw as the plea for 900,000 francs dam-flooding of France by Third referendum.

World immigrants, particu-In his letter of resignation to Mr Mulroney, Mr Bouchard warned that henceforth Que-His anti-immigrant platform has helped his popularity bec would be talking from "a position of strength" in future soar but the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in southern constitutional negotiations. In language that could have been France this month prompted national outrage against right-ist groups. M Le Pen denied taken directly from the separaany connection with the tist vocabulary, he said: "Only a Quebec state with a clear Meanwhile, police detained democratic mandate to renot saying the gas chambers nine people in the southern cover its full powers will disdid not exist. I did not see French town of Albi yesterday pose of the political authority

Colombian net tightens

on cocaine 'Godfather'

who know him as El Padrino

Escobar's cartel provides an

estimated two-thirds of all the

cocaine entering the US and Europe, and his personal wealth has placed him on Forbes magazine's list of rich-

cartel last August, security forces have arrested dozens of

Escobar to suspend many of

his money-making operations.

El Padrino, say the police, is a

man on the run who sleeps no

more than two or three nights

In an attempt to intimidate

the Government, the Medellin Cartel has embarked on a

campaign of car bombings that has killed 250 people. The latest blasts last Saturday caused 28 deaths in Bogota

Police chiefs say El

Padrino's time is running out, as it did in December for his

- the Godfather.

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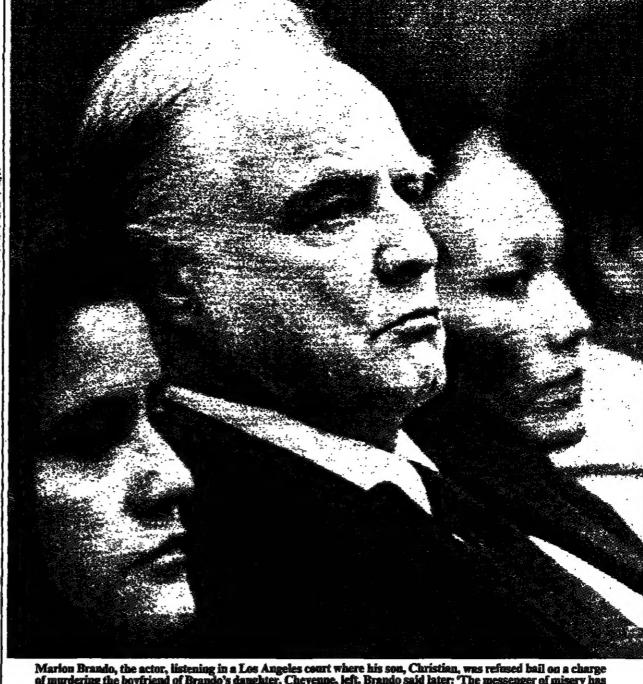
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However, since President began his meteoric rise to the Barco declared war on the top of the Colombian under-

key associates, seized farms napped Medellin business and ranches, and forced man for \$100,000 (£58,000).

them myself. I have not in connection with the grave-studied the question, but I yard desecration. Police to negotiate the Canadian association of tomorrow." sources said they were held for Yesterday the spate of defections from the Governinquiries into a vandal attack on the Carpentras cemetery, ment appeared to have stopped, at least temporarily.
Mr Mulroney, meanwhile,
was contemplating whether to
call the provincial premiers to 150 miles away, earlier this month. They were among 15 people arrested in a dawn swoop on suspects already Ottawa for a last-ditch effort to save the Meech Lake accord under investigation for the desecration of a nearby Chrisand what is left of Canada's tian cemetery in November national unity. 1988, the sources said.



Marlon Brando, the actor, listening in a Los Angeles court where his son, Christian, was refused bail on a charge of murdering the boyfriend of Brando's daughter, Cheyenne, left. Brando said later: 'The messenger of misery has come to my house.' He said he believed his son was innocent and that he would appeal against refusal of bail

# Setback for Bush on aid package

lion) contribution in military One senior congressional of- anti-US sentiment in the two

PRESIDENT Bush's attempts to get \$720 million (£425 million) in urgently needed aid to Panama and Nicaragua were stalled last night after a congressional campaign to halve military assistance for El Salvador.

Congress fiercely debated the issue for four hours on Tuesday and initially, in what Democrats described as a rebuff to the Bush Administration, voted 250-163 in favour of an amendment to halve American military aid to the Government of President Alfredo Cristiani.

The clause was added in protest against his lack of progress in prosecuting the decers of six last November.

But minutes later Republicans and mainstream Democrats, in another vote unexpectedly defeated the Bill containing the El Salvador clause, throwing the whole Central American package into a temporary limbo.

The complicated session of congressional votes on foreign aid left unchanged America's annual \$85 million (£51 mil-

by gunners in pursuing heli-

copters as he fled from a raid

But Escobar, the police concede, is more resourceful.

The first big score which

In 1979, police arrested him

for possessing 39 lb of cocaine. Typically, Escobar never went

to trial and a year later gunmen assassinated the two

arresting officers. By the early

1980s, as the cocaine trade boomed, the newly rich king-pin was investing in real estate

- an \$8 million (£4.7 million)

complex in Florida, a \$60

million ranch near Medellin

won election as an alternate member of the Colombian congress in 1982, and began

bribing prominent politicians

to speak out in favour of the

Police and US narcotics agents say they came close

benefits of the drug trade.

Escober. Colombia's army, navy and air force have been

brought into the hunt, and sources say that American

Medellin. "Every day we are closing in," said the general.

"He is cornered, surrounded

by his gunmen. Today he is

totally isolated, but Medellin

is still a city he can trust."

come directly involved.

Seeking respectability, he

An American official bere

world was in the early 1970s when he ransomed a kid-

on a remote ranch house.

called him "a genius".

assistance to El Salvador despite efforts by the Democrats to halve it. Opponents of the one. The White House had Bill said afterwards that their served warning that it would votes reflected growing dis-agreement among US law-makers about the amount of federal money allocated to ment it has endorsed. Demooverseas aid at the expense of crats, in an attempt to gain domestic programmes, rather than a lack of support for emergency aid for Nicaragua and Panama. Republicans voted against the Bill because of the language of the El Salvador section, while many liberal Democrats thought it

was not tough enough. The outcome of the votes is damaged economies, has rea typical example of the peatedly voiced his irritation political posturing within that Congress has not moved Congress that makes the US faster to authorize his policy. billion in aid to El Salvador, or legislative process so lengthy. In order to avoid a surge of more than \$1 million a day.

ficial described the vote as a "pyrrhic victory" for everyleverage on the Bush Administration, have insisted on linking Mr Bush's proposed aid to the Central American countries with censuring of El

President Bush, who has granted emergency aid to both countries to help rebuild their

countries, he is anxious that Congress approve the aid before a week-long recess which starts tomorrow.

In a related development on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, a conference of Democrats and Republicans agreed upon the wording of a \$4 billion (£2.3 billion) spending Bill for this year that would cut more than \$2 billion from defence spending to pay for domestic projects and the proposed aid to Panama and Nicaragua.

Since the killing of the priests, the Democrats have called for an end to US military aid to El Salvador. Over the past decade, the US

# Rejected authors granted shelf life

THERE must be hundreds, if not thousands, of Times readers who have their great unpublished masterpiece tucked away in a bottom drawer - packaged along with the publishers' rejection slips. Not to worry. Now, even without resort to vanity publishing, such work can see the light of day. An American entrepreneur from Burlington, Vermont, has set up a library exclusively for unpublished books. He calls it folk

literature'. "We are challenging the publishing industry concept that if something is not publishable, it is not read-able," said Mr Todd Lockwood, the library's founder. "We don't buy that. There is a lot of work out there that is readable "

Mr Lockwood, aged 39, a college drop-out and former photographer, was inspired by a novel called *The Abortion*: An Historical Romance 1966.

An early work by Richard Brautigan, an American cult writer popular among students in the late 1960s, the novel takes as its protagonist a worker in a San Francisco Library where anyone can deposit a manuscript, day or night, and have it placed on the shelves.

Mr Lockwood read Abortion when it was first published in 1971. But it was only last year, when he saw the film Field of Dreams - the story of a whimsical Iowa farmer who decides to build a baseball pitch in his cornfield - that he finally plucked up courage to press ahead with his pet

He approached friends, local authors, Mr Brautigan's agent and some celebrities of the counter-culture. He signed up W.P. Kinsella, the author of the novel Shoeless Joe which became Field of Dreams, as well as writers and businessmen. Together they raised the \$10,000 (£6,250)

the centre of Burlington. The library opened late last month with a sign outside that reads. The Brautigan Library. A Very Public Library." So far the library has received only 15 volumes, but it is sending out 10 to 12 applica-

needed for a binding machine,

and rented an office space in

tions a day. With each work, writers must submit a synopsis and a \$25 fee to cover the library's binds the book and puts it on

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special forces have also be-General Miguel Mazacor, chief of the Department of Security Administration, the Colombian FBI, says he has little doubt that El Padrino remains where he feels safest among the cocaine-rich landowners and peasants of

Public Enemy No 1: A drug trafficker and killer on the run, Escobar is still a folk hero in Medellin

# Rail strikes sidetrack Solidarity economic reforms

IN WARSAW

THE Solidarity-led Government, con-fronted with wildcat strikes paralysing Poland's rail system, is facing the most serious threat so far to its marketorientated economic reforms.

Full-scale negotiations between the Government, which includes many strike organizers from the 1980s, and the rail workers will be held today, though ministers are urging the three dozen railwaymen still on hunger strike to abandon their fast first.

Commenting on the moral dilemma of the Solidarity Cabinet in dealing with strikers, the Government spokeswoman, Miss Malgorzata Niezabitowska, declared yesterday: "Hunger strikes are an instrument against a totalitarian state, where all strikes are illegal. But now these workers have a right to strike once all other legal means have been exhausted. Would it be democratic to

yield to the pressure of a hunger strike?" The striking railway workers, mainly from western Poland, are demanding wage increases and a complete overhaul of the railway administration. "Increasing wages for the railwaymen would lead to higher fares," said the Government's chief economic adviser, Dr Waldemar Kuczynski."That in turn would drive up inflation. It would be a signal for other workers and ultimately threaten the whole Government programme."

The dispute represents more than the first skirmish in the industrial relations of the new East European democracies. It is part of a fundamental argument about the pace of change in the post-communist states. Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Solidarity Prime Minister, is operating what might be termed a "steered democracy", sharing power with the remnants of the old regime and advancing step-by-step politically. By contrast, Mr Lech Walesa, the newly rean acceleration of politics, taking its cue from the grassroots. Mr Walesa is speaking to that part of the population which wants to clear out any remaining communists, and make a restoration

His political calculation is that Mr Mazowiecki's demands for long-haul economic sacrifices will eventually suck dry the popularity of the Solidarity-led Government. New sources of legitimacy have thus to be found, even if that means a chaotic "cultural revolution".

The effect has been to undermine Mr Mazowiecki's Government, since it depends heavily on presenting an image of social calm to Western investors. The Solidarity union's praesidium, chaired by Mr Walesa, was openly critical of the overnment on Tuesday, though it also distanced itself from the strikers. It demanded that the Government send a team to Gdansk to talk to the union

Walesa's advisers is that Mr Mazowiecki is now heading a kind of "Kerensky administration", an interregnum between two stages of a revolution.

The fact is that Mr Walesa has gauged the extent of worker unrest in Poland better than the Government of Mr Mazowiecki. The rail workers will certainly be followed by other groups perhaps even the miners - as unemployment creeps up to the half million mark. the poverty belt grows and old age pensions shrivel.

The failure of the IMF-backed economic reform to produce quick results will encourage the leftists in Solidarity to make common cause with the survivors from the communist party. The reforms would then be watered down and Solidarity would squander its political capital. The Solidarity leader is, then, anticipating events, pushing the Prime

He hopes for the emergence of two main political groupings in the next few months: a centre-right that would continue the Solidarity strand of national independence, and a centre-left that would preserve the social democratic traces of the union movement.

Solidarity appears to have served its historical purpose as a dismantler of communism; its aim now is to be an umbrella organization until political parties take proper shape. Perhaps within a year. Solidarity can confine itself to pure trade union activities.

Local council elections, due on Sunday, are an important move, the first completely free postwar elections in Poland, since the national poll last June reserved a chunk of seats for communists. The rail strikes have embittered the atmosphere ahead of the council elections. Ordinary voters are confused, frequently having to choose between lists

of citizens' committees - broadly speaking Solidarity but including many different political orientations - extreme right-wingers and ecologists who sometimes also include former communists among their candidates.

Ideally the polls would be a vote of confidence on the market reforms of the present Government. But the council elections, effectively a handover of power from the central state to town councils, do not provide this opportunity. The strikes give a more precise sounding of the mood in the country.

Mr Mazowiecki plans national and presidential elections next spring. However, Mr Walesa thinks that is too long for the workers to wait, that only immediate political radicalization can really support the pain of market reform Even the left-wingers in Solidarity, who have been quietly waiting for the IMF-sponsored economic policies to stumble, are now gripped by panic.

# Gorbachov lectures Yeltsin on socialism

PRESIDENT Gorbachov accused Mr Boris Yeltsin, the populist politician, yesterday of abandoning socialist prin- and 'socialist' disappeared ciples and trying to "ex- from Yeltsin's name for the communicate" Russia from republic.

its socialist roots. Mr Gorbachov was addressing the Russian parliament socialist choice, the power of during a debate on "sov-ereignty", or expanding the economic and social powers of damental values, our bench-Russia, the largest of the marks." He said Mr Yeltsin's country's 15 republics. The debate will be followed by the

Mr Yeltsin, who has attacked Mr Gorbachov for pursuing reform too timidly, spoke to the parliament on Tuesday. He is standing for president, but is thought to be a long shot against Mr Aleksandr Vlasov, the Russian Prime Minister, who has Mr Gorbachov's backing,

Mr Gorbachov said Mr Yeltsin's address on Tuesday, in which he had blamed Russia's economic ills on centralism, had been tantamount to "an appeal for a collapse of the Union" under the cloak of sovereignty and was a recipe for confrontation. Mr Gorbachov told more than 1.000 deputies that Mr

# Grouse back on menu

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

THANKS to the learned counsel of five justices of the European Court of Justice, the Glorious Twelfth may now whet with anticipation the palates of Dutch gourmands. For the first time in over half a century, it will be legal to eat British grouse in Holland.

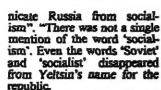
The Luxembourg-based court ruled yesterday that an ancient bird protection law in The Netherlands, forbidding the import and sale of endangered species, could not be used to ban the sale of grouse legally blasted out of the sky on the Yorkshire moors.

The "Gourmetterie Van den Burg" restaurant had offered the delicacy to its clients, but had been hauled before Dutch magistrates for breaking a 1936 law. The restaurant appealed, and the Dutch High Court, mindful of the European Community's dire penalties for quantitative restrictions on the free circulation of goods, turned to Luxembourg for a ruling.

The judges looked carefully at the Dutch law. It forbids any trade in endangered species and the shooting of migratory birds. The grouse is not a native of the Dutch lowlands. However, it is neither migratory nor, thanks to the British rules of fair play, endangered.

The court noted that the Bird Protection Act was aimed at other species - those considered the "common heritage of the Community" and those on the way to extinction. The grouse being served up in Holland had been shot in accordance with the regulations in Britain. They could be eaten in their native land; why should Dutch restaurant-goers

also not relish the delicacy? Brussels had already put out a directive in 1979 to preserve Europe's birds - a vain attempt to stop the wholesale slaughter of migratory birds as they fly over Italy. Community law gave any member a full right to insist on even stricter protection measures. But this could not be used to prevent the free trade in food. specially if it was food legally available in another country.



republic.
"For us Russians, for all peoples of our country, 'the the soviets', are not just phrases. These are our funcall for sovereignty to extend to individuals, factories and local councils "takes the question to the absurd and would in any case lead to anarchy, to

In his speech on Tuesday, Mr Yeltsin had said Russia's dire economic difficulties were "the fault of the imperial policies of the centre. All the damage was done by the central administrative system." A former junior member of the Communist Party Politburo, hugely popular among ordinary Russians, he called for "real economic and

political sovereignty".

Mr Gorbachov, who spoke to the parliament at the request of deputies, dismissed the notion that five years of perestroika reforms had been "nothing but a mistake" and Yeltsin's speech represented gave an oblique warning.
"an attempt to excommu"Discussions often take on a politicized character," he said. The balance of forces can clearly be seen, as can political games to take over power. I think we have to be careful with this. There should be fewer political rallies and more, deeper analysis."

He offered his support for the principle of sovereignty for Russia, adding that the Soviet Union was "inconceiv-able without Russia". Most deputies, including Mr Vlasov, have spoken in favour of sovereignty, emphasizing that Russia did not receive adequate compensation for its contribution to the Soviet

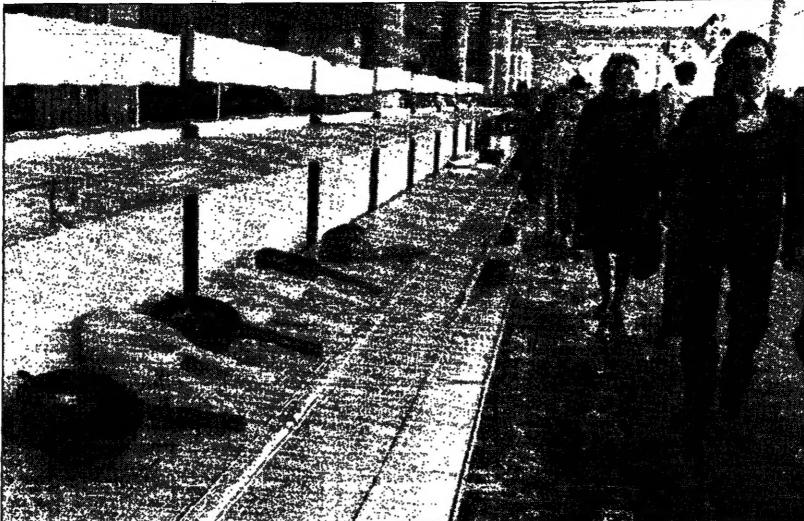
 Strike called off: Russian workers in Estonia called off a strike against the republic's independence declaration yesterday after an appeal from President Gorbachov.

A spokesman for organizing committee said the three-day-old strike, which has almost closed the republic's main port, disrupted transport and closed factories had been called off indefinitely and would end this morning

Speaking from the rebel republic's capital, Tallinn, he said: "We received a message from President Gorbachov expressing support for and solidarity with our struggle but asking us, in connection with the serious economic situation in the country, to call

the strike off." However, he added: "If the supreme soviet of the republic or the government take further measures to aggravate the situation, we reserve the right to resume it at any moment." (Reuter)

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Browsing in vain: Rows of empty shelves confront Muscovites in a government store. Steep price increases are expected to be announced today

the Central Committee.

While supporters empha-

sized his differences with

Ceausescu, critics note his

long membership of the

nomenklatura. He was for 10

years a non-voting member of

the Politburo and also a full

member of the Central Com-

mittee, a minister, a leading

member of the party's propa-

ganda department and at one

time, Ceausescu's chosen

successor. It was only in 1987

that his disgrace became

But as the election results

giving him around 85 per cent

of the vote showed, this failed

to move an electorate deter-

mined to see him as the hero

Currie challenged: Another

British observer of the Roma-

nian election yesterday dis-

puted Mrs Edwina Currie's

McEwen writes).

riew that it was fair (Andrew

Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home,

whose late husband, Charles,

was a former editor of the The

Times, said that Mrs Currie's

opinion cut across the findings

of a more experienced team of

observers. She was one of

three Britons among 60 observers sent by the US

National Republican Institute

and the National Democratic

Institute. They found that the

poll was "not consistent with a

democracy", after making observations in 12 regions.

was intimidation, harassment

and a very high degree of

control by the Government".

"Before the election there

of the December revolution.

# Iliescu is shadowed by spectre of party past

MR ION Iliescu, the former five years studying at the he has run since the revolution due to be named tomorrow as party-cadre training school. the next President of Romanew breed of leaders to emerge from the recent upheavals in Eastern Europe.

His claims, after an electoral landslide of embarrassing proportions, to be about to steer Romania on a path towards Swedish-style social democracy have been rejected by the demonstrating students who dismiss him as a reformed Communist in the Gorbachov mould.

At the age of 60, Mr Iliescu was the youngest of the three presidential candidates and the only one to have lived all his adult life in Romania. His Soviet ties are so deep that Western intelligence experts are convinced that he was head-hunted for the task of replacing Ceausescu by President Gorbachov himself.

Mr Iliescu flatly denies the suggestion that he was a close friend of Mr Gorbachov dur-

Communist Party apparatchik Molotov Institute, the leading are based on strict communist lines. That is not surprising for His denials are dismissed by a man who was scarcely 14 nia, is the least charismatic many intellectuals as being when he joined the Union of but most controversial of the part of recent efforts to distance himself from his procontinued a long party career, which only ended in 1984 when he was removed from

Soviet background. The conviction of many of his opponents that he is little more than a Soviet numet installed by a coup disguised as a revolution, has domi-nated much of the postelectoral criticism. It has failed to upset the great majority of ordinary Romanians.

Since taking charge of the provisional Government, caution has been Mr Iliescu's watchword. Despite his intellectual ebullience he is not regarded as having the breadth of political imagination necessary to solve Romania's ing problems. Having initially hinted that he would pull the country out of the Warsaw Pact, he announced publicly after Sunday's vote that he would now be keeping

Those close to the Presiing their shared student days dent-elect claim that many



Mr Iliescu: Apparatchik in the Gorbachov mould

# Nato to lower state of alert

From Michael Evans in Brussels

that the state of readiness and also be under review. availability of some of the alliance's standing forces in said further "substantial" Central Europe could be lowered for the first time since the are to be made in military beginning of the Cold War.

The decision at the Nato Defence Planning Committee represents one of the most significant practical measures taken by the alliance in response to the changes in the

Warsaw Pact. Herr Manfred Wörner, the Nato Secretary-General, said the details of the lower alert status were classified. But he singled out air defence as an area that would be affected by the decision.

This will mean that some RAF squadrons and other alliance air forces on a high alert status in West Germany will adopt a more relaxed regime. It is likely that some air defence missile units, and possibly battlefield nuclear weapons batteries, will also have their status changed.

But Herr Wörner was quick to point out at a news conference that the decision did not imply that troops in the front line could now be pulled back. He said: "This is not a message for troops to go

However, the defence min-

isters agreed, after examining a new risk assessment document, that there was now a "substantial increase in warning time" because of the collapse of the Warsaw Pact. Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, suggested that, once Soviet troops had left Eastern Europe, the US would be able to change the mobilization period for American reinforcements to Europe from 10 days to a "a few

British troops in West Germany have a requirement to be ready to reach the inner bomb.

NATO defence ministers German border within four agreed in Brussels yesterday hours. This commitment may

> Yesterday's communiqué reductions and adjustment training programmes. "This will reduce the impact on the public, will benefit the quality of life and protect the environment," the communiqué said.

Nato sources said the cutback in training involves the cancellation of 10 exercises. A further 22 would be merged and 22 reduced. Nato's repair bills for damaging German farmland would be cut by \$21 million (£13 million) a year.

It was confirmed, too, that the 3 per cent annual rise in defence spending was now regarded as no longer appropriate".

Mr Cheney also said yesterday that stocks of US nuclear artillery shells in West Germany have had to be repaired urgently because of doubts about safety standards. However, he rebutted a claim in The Washington Post that the "defective" W79 shells

could have exploded. Mr Cheney said the safety scare had arisen before he had been appointed Defence Secretary, although he had been able to check the records. The problem was first discovered in 1988. Mir Cheney said that the US maintained very high safety standards and the W79 had failed to meet those

standards. The nuclear shells, which are fired from 203 mm (8 inch) howitzers, are stocked in West Germany, Italy and The Netherlands. Detonated in wartime, they would deliver a minimum 2.5 kiloton nuclear yield. The report in The Washington Post claimed the warhead would produce a 10 kiloton yield, two-thirds of the force of the 1945 Hiroshima

# US right furious at Start accord

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ONE week before the Washington summit, American conservatives are vigorously denouncing the agreement on strategic nuclear arms reduction talks (Start) that Presidents Bush and Gorbachov are due to sign.

Right-wing commentators and former Reagan Admin-istration hawks are protesting that, in order to secure a summit deal and help Mr Gorbachov, Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, sold out American interests by making needless concessions during last week's talks in Moscow. The Administration strongly denies the charges.

Mr William Safire, the New York Times columnist, claimed that with the Administration "paralysed by fear of the who-lost-Gorbachov charge" the "vaunted nego-tiator (Baker) caved in to basic Gorbachov demands all the way down the line".

A damning Wall Street Journal editorial entitled "Stop Start" observed that the US had made all the con-cessions and concluded: "If Jimmy Carter signed this deal, he'd be hooted out of town."

Mr Richard Perle, who was former President Reagan's Assistant Secretary of Defence, commented: "We are strong, and just at the moment we are strong we are making concessions." Another Reagan Administration arms "a formula for disaster".

The critics make much of President Bush's less-thaneffusive response to what Mr Baker achieved in Moscow. Initially he gave the results a "mixed review", only sub-sequently upgrading them to 'a major step forward".

Their anger is focused particularly on how to limit Moscow's highly accurate long-range SS18 missiles. The Russians agreed to cut their 308-strong SS18 arsenal in half, but the conservatives say the US has dropped its earlier demand that these must not be modernized.

"The big US objective in Start has been to limit the first-strike potential of the huge land-based Soviet missile force," said the Journal, "but the Soviet first-strike edvantage remains intact". A senior Administration of-

ficial who briefed journalists here on Tuesday strongly disputed that claim. The 50 per cent cut was "nailed . . . in the can", he said. What Mr Baker had proposed was that the Russians should be able to do just enough testing to be able to preserve the reliability of its current SS18 force but too little to develop more modern successors. "It's a cap."

The critics are angry that Mr Baker bowed to Soviet demands that the treaty cover all air-launched nucleartipped cruise missiles with a range of more than 375 miles. The original American position was 930 miles.

They say the Russians upstaged clear US priorities by moving on a strategic arms deal ahead of a much more important conventional arms

# Striptease a boom industry in unshackled East Germany

From Ian Murray in Bonn

WHILE East German industry awaits the onslaught of capitalism with apprehension, one new homegrown business is on the way to market viability without need for subsidy or start-up money. Erotic shows, although still banned by the old communist constitution, are

bursting out all over. According to Herr Lothar Voigt, who runs the Spree Cabaret underneath the Palast der Republik, where the Volkskammer meets, "the demand is huge". He opened the first, not very naughty striptease show in East Germany 11 vears ago, but in more recent years, clubs have skirting the law by staging "fashion shows" at which the "models" showed less and less

clothing and more and more girl.

Young girls, prepared to show all

for DM 100 (£35), are much in demand, and the 100 or so cabarets where they appear are overbooked. The girls are also being snapped up by Western cabaret

Worried that the export models will leave the home market bare, Herr Voigt is forming a lobby called the Sex League, to campaign to legalize erotic shows and make it possible to organize the business formally.

Meanwhile, West Germany's most experienced and successful sex shop chain is already serving thousands of East German mailorder clients with items from its range of more than 2,000 pleasurepromoting devices. Legally, such items cannot be sent through the East German post, but since January Frau Beate Uhse has been

fulfilling the orders which have been pouring in, because it was found that the postal authorities were doing nothing to interfere with the packets.

Fran Uhse was born in East Prussia 70 years ago in what is now part of the Soviet Union. She built up her sex shop empire when, as a young refugee, she found so many people seeking advice and help about contraception and other sexual problems.

At a time when barter rather than money was the norm, she sold her first advice sheets for 41b of butter. She opened her first sex shop in 1962 and today employs 550 people to run 46 shops and stores and 15 cinemas with an annual turnover of DM 107

for three Ostmarks, but found this was uneconomic and amended this to one for five. Already she has done over DM 600,000 worth of business at these rates. She is poised to spread her

empire eastwards as soon as economic union makes it possible for her to set up a business there. For the moment her East German clients have to find out what she has on offer from free mini-

catalogues handed out from CATA-

vans by the three sales teams she has already based in the East. West Germany, despite a plentiful supply of sex shops and the erotic, has had the world's lowest birth rate for some time, with each nnual turnover of DM 107 woman producing an average of just 1.28 children — roughly five She started out offering an babies for each four mothers.

exchange rate of one Deutschmark Suddenly, however, seems to be popular again. Instead of wives insisting on a career, new figures suggest that more and more of them want a baby instead. The result is the beginning of a baby boom, with the average number of children per mother now at 1.5 and rising. The largest proportion of habies are being born to women in their thirties, who have had time to build a career to which they can

> Other reasons found by researchers studying why older women are choosing to become mothers for the first time include the belief that husbands are more likely to remain faithful to an ageing wife if she starts having children.

Better obstetrics and gynaecology also make it safer for older women to have babies. For all the

90,000 abortions a year in West Germany, even though technically it is illegal. The rules are more liberal in East Germany and this threatens to be one of the most difficult areas to "harmonize" as the reunification goes ahead. ● EAST BERLIN: East Germany's new non-communist govern-

ment is dismissing 550 professors of Marxism-Leninism, Political upheavals have made the subject no longer compulsory. Head teachers of almost 6,700

high schools, who had to be Communist Party members under the government ousted last year, are also losing their jobs in a clearout "to promote democratic renewal in the education system," the Education Ministry said yesterday. (Reuter)

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lands yesterday as the Army continued its 24-hour curfew on most of the territory's 1.7 million Palestinian residents. Between Sunday and Tuesday night, 13 Palestinians were died in rioting in Jordan. The casualties drew an un-

# **Arafat wants UN** troops 'to protect' Palestinians

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By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MR YASSIR Arafat, the Pal- violence. "The President calls estine Liberation Organization leader, will call for the immediate stationing of UN troops in the Israeli-occupied territories when he addresses the UN Security Council in Geneva tomorrow, a PLO official said yesterday.

At the same time, the process that nourishes hope official Middle East News among Israelis and Palestin-Agency in Cairo reported that ians alike." President Bush had assured Egypt that the United States would reopen its doors to Soviet Jews in a bid to defuse Arab anger over immigration to Israel.

"Arafat will ask for protection for Palestinians in the occupied territories and for international intervention," said Mr Affif Safieh, a PLO representative in The Netherlands. "(He) will ask for the withdrawal of all Israeli forces now from the occupied territories and ask to send UN peacekeeping forces for an interim period."

The Security Council is due to hear Mr Arafat during a debate after an eruption of Arab violence, not only in the occupied territories but in Israel itself and Jordan. The Security Council has agreed to meet in Geneva, rather than in New York, so that the United States does not have to make a politically sensitive decision despite army firing regulations about whether to grant a visa to Mr Arafat.

Arab sources indicated that the United States had agreed not to block a plan to send a UN mission to the area, although Israel is expected to object. Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Foreign Minister, yesterday rejected criticism by President Bush and the European Community over Israel's handling of the violence that broke out after the killing of seven Palestinians by a Jewish

The critics had accused Israeli troops of using excessive force to put down the riots. They also say Israel has created hostility in the region by failing to get peace negotiations under way.

"We have heard people trying to make a connection between the tragedy at Rishon le Zion and the political process and the policies of the Israeli Government," Arens said. "I think it should be clear to any well-meaning one crazed individual and the person that there is no such connection." Mr Arens said Israeli troops "acted in an exemplary manner" in dealing

Only scattered incidents were reported in the occupied shot and killed by Israeli troops. At least three people the use of missiles and chemi-

usually strong comment from the White House, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House Press Secretary, said that Mr Bush had sent personal condolences to the families of all those killed in the Sunday attack and the subsequent Palestinian cause. (Reuter)



ment in Brussels saying it was "shocked and saddened by the violence" that had resulted in such a high death toll in the occupied territories. The statement said the EC was concerned that there may

have been "a use of excessive force to put down demonstrations" and said the turnoil had resulted from "the absence of any significant prospect of progress toward a ettlement An even harsher statement

was issued yesterday by Signor Giorgio Giacomelli, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which supervises aid programmes for the Palestinians. He said that statistics collected in the Gaza Strip indicated that more than 60 per cent of the wounded were hit in the upper body. calling for troops to aim at activists' legs.

"One can only feel that needless deaths and suffering could have been avoided if the military force had exercised restraint during the demonstrations of mourning," Signor Giacomelli said.

"Above all, we are disturbed that the use of live rounds of ammunition should have been resorted to so quickly and extensively and that the type of wounds inflicted appears to indicate a disregard for human life." In a statement on the killing

of the seven Palestinians by a cashiered Israeli soldier, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said: This tragedy was the act of one individual who seems to have acted in a crazed manner. The Israeli forces are dealing with an extremely difficult situation and are exercising maximum restraint." It added: "There is no connection between the act of

ace process. lraq, meanwhile, published the text of a letter from the Bush Administration to the Arab League and to Arab governments, asked Iraq to moderate both its actions and its rhetoric" and said the other Arab states should try to persuade Baghdad there was no US-led conspiracy to "cut Iraq down to size". It added: "We have legitimate concerns, however, about Iraq's attempts to break US laws and its irresponsible statements on

cal weapons." NICOSIA: Mr Mehdi Karrubi, Iran's Parliamentary Speaker, said Arab leaders due to meet in Baghdad next week should agree to stop oil sales to the West to back the



Women brandishing an automatic rifle and stones during a demonstration by at least 8,000 Palestinians and Lebanese in Muslim west Beirut yesterday in which they demanded revenge for the Arabs killed in Israel

# Fresh hope for Cambodia deal

By ANDREW McEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

a Supreme Council of Nat-

Formal authority would be

vested in this body, but the

country would be adminis-

tered under UN auspices until

elections could be organized.

The UN team would be

backed by substantial forces

drawn from a number of

nations. Diplomatic sources

said neither the cost nor the

number of troops needed had

been calculated, but both

would be substantial. How-

ever, there was a willingness in

principle among the five to

New York tomorrow and Sat-

urday may lead to the reconvening of a 19-nation

peace conference in Paris, which ended in deadlock last

year. The British Government

hopes that progress will be

made before September, in

time to avert an embarrassing

diplomatic decision over who

should hold Cambodia's seat

It is at present held by the

the Bangkok-based Coalition

Government of Democratic

Kampuchea (CGDK), the

three-party group which in-cludes the Khmer Rouge. The

**UN Credentials Committee** 

will have to decide whether to

renew its seat. Last autumn

the British Government sup-

ported the Credentials Com-

mittee in allowing it to

continue, despite criticisms

that this amounted to support

been told that Britain will not

support the CGDK again this

autumn. Official British

sources said no final decision

had been taken, but it is

thought certain that Britain

will vote against it unless a

solution is close by then.

The Thai Government has

for the Khmer Rouge.

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ional Sovereignty.

THE five permanent mem- Government and the three bers of the United Nations Security Council are to hold talks on Cambodia tomorrow amid signs that a solution to the civil war may be in sight. Diplomatic sources des-

cribed the prospects as "better than they have been for a long Radio Thailand said yester-

day that the four warring factions in Cambodia had agreed to sign a ceasefire soon. quoted Mr Chatichai Choonhavan, the Thai Prime Minister, as saying an agree-ment was certain. His comments followed a meeting with Mr Nguyen Co Thach, Foreign Minister of Vietnam. Mr Hun Sen, Prime Min-

ister of the Phnom Penh Government, and Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former Cambodian head of state, have said they will attend talks in Tokyo on June 4 and 5. While the factions have gone back on ceasefire agreements in the past and Prince Sihanouk has frequently changed his mind, there are other ounds for opt

A report by a UN fact-finding mission to Cambodia has encouraged the British Government to believe that an international solution is feasible. The five - the US. the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France - reached a provisional agreement in January on a 16-point plan for a UN-supervised interim government and elections in Cambodia. But there were many doubts at the time that it would work.

These have been eased by the findings of a team sent earlier this month by the UN Secretary-General's special representative on South-East Asia. The plan, a modified version of an earlier Australian proposal, depends on persuading the Phnom Penh

Manila ambush SUSPECTED communist encio Maralit, said.

guerrillas killed a Philippine colonel and four other colonel and four other colonel and four other colonel and four other colonel c factions of the UN-recognized colonel and four other people government-in-exile to join in

military spokesman said. Colonel Reynaldo Dino, deputy chief for personnel of the paramilitary constabulary, was driving to work when the gunmen sprayed his car with automatic rifle fire. His two bodyguards and his daughter, who was in her late twenties, were also killed. A woman passenger in a passing bus was also killed. Ten other people on the bus, including the driver, were wounded in the attack by six gunmen in the Manila suburb of Caloocan. The gunmen fled by car after the attack, police said.

The ambush occurred on the eve of the founding anniversary of the Alex Boncayao Brigade, a communist death squad that has killed more than 100 soldiers and policemen in the Philippine capital during the past two years. The group was organized by the communist New People's Army.

"This is very likely an NPA

yesterday in an ambush here, a they opened fire on the colocontrol and collided with the bus. They said the gunmen kept firing at the stalled car.

partisan warfare".

President Aquino said the killing was brutal and sensejustice".

The ambush was the latest sign of the deteriorating security in the capital as the rebels step up their fight to overthrow the Government. The Cabinet decided yes-

terday to ask Congress to

Colonel dies in

used the bus as cover when nel's car, which went out of

Later, about 50 members and supporters of the urban guerrilla death squad blamed for the attack held a brief rally in the centre of the capital to mark the sixth anniversary of the group's founding. They unfurled large streamers and banners calling for "insurrection" and support for "armed

less and she called for "swift

extend the President's emergency powers by six months. granted after last December's attack," the Constabulary coup attempt. (Reuter, AP)

# The military in Burma head off opposition

THE Burmese military regime has cut the production of the traditional peasant hats made from bamboo, on the ground that they are made from products of the threatened rain forests; but the move is being seen as a way of preventing their use as anti-government symbols in the elections on Sunday.

The peasant hat is the election symbol of the leading opposition party, the National League for Democracy, many of whose supporters have taken to wearing the National Unity Party's rice stalks around their ankles or in their shoes as a gesture of contempt for the party favoured by the military regime.

Only six of the 93 parties participating in Burma's first multi-party election for 30 years are serious contenders. the feared Directorate of De-The election, which is in-tended to improve Burma's threaten reprisals against international image, is taking members of opposition parties place in an atmosphere of secrecy and fear. Voters will go to the polls under martial law and a night curfew. There is no freedom of assembly or speech and all campaign state-ments are checked in advance by official censors.

Mild criticism of the previous military government is permitted, but not of the existing regime. No complete list of candidates has been published, and after the voting the winners' names - but no other polling details - will be made known. The Government, which controls all the media, is running a virulent campaign against anti-military parties, propaganda which one foreign ambassador said "makes Dr Goebbels look like Billy Graham".

Citizens are advised not to vote, because they are told 'democracy does not work". Many of the half-million people forcibly removed from their homes to new areas recently will not be able to vote because they are on no electoral roll. Most of the key figures in

the election are not visible. General Ne Win, the dictator for 26 years, is retired officially and has not been seen for 14 months, but still has the last word on the big issues. The best known opposition leaders, U Nu, the former Prime Minister, and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, are under house arrest and banned from the

Many of their senior colleagues and thousands of their failing to report an supporters are in jail, where treason. (Reuter)

recently released prisoners \$2) that they are being tortured. Mr Paul Key, a 45-year-old London physicist recently detained for three months in three different jails after entering Burma illegally, said he saw political and other pris-oners abused routinely with

electric shocks, beatings and

Chinese water torture.

Amnesty International said earlier this month that torrure was widespread in Burmese jails. Mr Ko Ko Aung, aged 22, a student who has just escaped to Bangkok, said he was imprisoned twice in Rangoon's infamous Insein jail after being repatriated from Thailand. In two 48-hour ordeals, he was blindfolded, denied food and water, questioned incessantly and beaten, punched and kicked. Agents of and their families.

goon say all that has happened so far rules out the possibility of free and fair elections. Confined to Rangoon, they will have no way of judging if the ballot has been rigged. Foreign journalists and other professional observers have been denied visas to enter Burma. Preparations for the voting and the electoral rules suggest that the Government wants a result acceptable to the military, with the opposition allowed to win enough seats to give the election a veneer of legitimacy. There will be no early hand-

Western diplomats in Ran-

over of power, though, whatever the result. Major-General Khin Nyunt, the powerful intelligence chief, announced last month there would be no change until there was a new constitution permitting the formation of "a strong government able to lead the state". He indicated that the present regime would control that process, which could take two years - a daunting prospect for the Burmese cowed by the crushing of pro-democracy demonstrations in 1988.

● Rebel arrests: Burma said it had arrested members of insurgent sabotage teams which intended to disrupt Sunday's parliamentary elections. Military authorities have

repeatedly said Karen and other ethnic guerrillas have joined forces with student dissidents for sabotage. The report warned Burmese

they risk seven years in jail for



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THE citizens of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's Singapore cannot as-sume anything, even the right to own a car. Faced with the inexorable rise in ownership and the inevitability of the island republic choking on an over-rich diet of too many cars, the Prime Minister has just begun making Singaporeans bid against each other for what will be the privilege of car ownership.

London drivers milling this week are acutely aware that the only promise made by our experts is that by the year 2025 Britain will have twice as many vehicles competing for space on the country's roads.

Bangkok, Bombay or Tokyo is no more than an automotive But that is a statement about the smallness of the nation rather than about the state of its streets: it rarely has the ean may buy a new car jams we regard as routine. What makes the true contrast is the difference between their willingness to tackle the future and our own attitude.

The means Singapore has used until now have included around Mr Lee during his visit a levy on all car imports of a soaring 175 per cent (thus a £10,000 Japanese saloon is a £27,500 luxury by the time it leaves the docks), an annual Registration Disc that can cost up to £1,500, and a system of

payment for another piece of windscreen paper of £30 per village, claims it has more cars month - £60 for company per mile of road than Britain. cars. But this month has seen the arrival of the most costly document yet. From May 1, no Singapor-

without a Certificate of Entitlement to Purchase. He obtains such a certificate only by taking part in a cut-throat auction against his fellow-Predictably, the plan pro-

voked outrage, even among the compliant Singaporeans. On top of other taxes and levies, in addition to swingeing fines on jay-walkers and litter-droppers, this was seen as going too far. The measure

Mrs Maria Choy, director of the Land (transport) Division of the Communications Ministry. "Ownership of private cars on the island went up from 135,000 in 1977 to about 240,000 The forecast was that as the economy boomed we

would be moving towards 350,000. And then what, 500,000? The Government tried to control the growth by taxes ... but it was all guesswork: how much more could we pile on the motorist? What would it take to drive them off the roads? So we decided on this approach. Let the Government decide how many cars we could tolerate. Let the public decide the price they were prepared to pay to own one of them." But would not this system

mitigate against the lowernaid? "A little, but we have fine public transport." The scheme works this way:

each quarter the Government works out how many new cars it can permit in Singapore (based on numbers scrapped and roads progress) and allocates so many certificates to the four classes of private car, goods vehicles and motorcycles. Would-be owners get a form and make their bid.

In this first quarter, Singapore is to permit 14,000 new vehicles. In the family car category 8,944 citizens bid for 4.583 certificates. The highest bid was more than £4,000, the lowest 33p. Officials counted from the top and the 4,583rd best bid was £1,007. As the lowest successful hid, this set a price for all certificates sold in

# Justice seen to be undone

P.A.J. Waddington

he likelihood that the Maguire family will have their convictions retrospectively quashed, coming in the wake of other scandals during recent months, calls into question the entire criminal justice system.

At the centre of that system is the adversarial approach to evidence - on the face of it, a sensible way of exposing flaws in the opposition's case. Surrounding the accused with various safeguards is supposed to minimize the conviction of the innocent. In actuality the criminal trial is a parody of truth-seeking, akin to the Mad Hatter's tea-party, in which discovering the truth is subordi-

nated to winning.

As anyone who has given evidence in a criminal trial will know, the one thing that one is not allowed to do is "tell it like it was". The inevitable jumble of experience, impressions and feelings are required to be laid out with precision for clinical examination,

Having once given evidence in a motoring case in which a lorry had crossed a red light and hit a car behind which I had been travelling. I met a colleague who had heard my testimony. He remarked that, according to his calculations, I testified that the lorry was travelling at 400 miles an hour and stopped on a sixpence. Such a ridiculous conclusion arose from being asked a series of highly specific questions which effectively divorced experience from evidence.

Cross-examination seizes upon detailed inconsistencies and contradictions in an attempt to discredit testimony. Since the burden of proof is "beyond a reasonable doubt", uncertainty or ambiguity - the very essence of daily experience - are intolerable in court. The aim is not to find out how much or in which respects testimony can be relied upon. It is a zero-sum game in which evidence must be accepted as wholly true or worthless.

The jury, too, is placed in the impossible position of determining guilt on grounds that defy common sense. The choice they are offered is bizarre: not "what, if anything, did the accused do?", but "did the accused do what the prosecution alleges he did?". The possibility of concluding, as might a reasonable person listening to the evidence, that the accused is not guilty as charged but is guilty of something else, is not allowed.

Moreover, this is a decision that must be made "beyond a reasonable doubt"; any doubt that the accused may not have committed the offence renders the entire prosecution case null and void. All the while the one person who knows most - the accused - is uniquely allowed to remain silent.

In making its decision the jury is not permitted to have at its disposal information which in any other situation would assist valid decision-making. Hearsay evi-

dence is inadmissible, presumably on the grounds that a jury is incapable of weighing it for what it is worth. Nor can jurors hear evidence of previous convictions or court appearances, because, in the bizarre world of the courtroom, making a decision without relevant knowledge of the characters involved is better than knowing what type of people they are. If juries cannot be trusted with this kind of information, they surely cannot be trusted to take such an onerous decision at all.

When the jury has made its decision, the reasons for it not only remain obscure, we make a fetish of keeping it obscure. What it found compelling or questionable cannot be ascertained, so if there should be an appeal, appellate judges are left to speculate as to whether new evidence would have made any significant impact

upon a jury's decision. The Alice in Wonderland rules that govern evidence are more than ridiculous; they also corrupt the criminal justice system. The imperative for either side is to win, not to discover the truth of what happened. For the prosecution this amounts to building a case against an identified suspect which excludes the possibility of doubt. CID officers do not spend their time deductively investigating real-life whodunits, but ensuring that all the pieces of the evidential jigsaw fit together with as few gaps as possible.

This threatens the interests of justice in several ways. First, it exacerbates the human tendency to seek information that confirms the initial decision of belief and to disregard information that qualifies, compromises or contradicts it. Second, since the case must exclude doubt, there is an incentive to gild the lily through over-statement and pseudo-precision - in police statements (but few other places) people do things in precise and clearly identified

Third, if it is clear, for reasons which though compelling are le-gally inadmissible, that the accused is guilty, there is the strong temptation to fill any gaps with

fabricated evidence. When the criminal justice system fails, as conspicuously as it now has, we turn not to an adversarial charade to find out what went wrong, but to an inquisitorial tribunal like the May Inquiry.
Perhaps the time to adopt an

inquisitorial approach is before the system fails, when the case is first being tried, not when it is too late. Instead of deluding ourselves that we have the "best system of criminal justice in the world", which only needs tinkering with, the time has come to make radical changes and adopt the inquisitorial system widely used on the Continent.

The author is director of criminal justice studies at the University of

# Dr Owen hints at a return to Labour words Social Democrat. "I have yet seen it, but Labour has moved always said I would never join the Conservative and Provided in the anti-inflationary value of join-Dr Owen, once Foreign Sec-

r David Owen yesterday offered broad support for the Labour policy review and signalled that he might yet endorse Neil Kinnock's party at the next election as one to which Social Democrats could safely return. While the SDP leader said there was no question of his ever joining the Conservative Party, he refused to rule out his return at some stage to the Labour Party. In an interview with The Times,

Dr Owen said that the prospect of a pact between the SDP and Labour was greater than that of one between his party and the Liberal Democrats. And he hinted that if he did not succeed in securing such an electoral arrangement, he might not himself fight the next election. His mind was not yet made up, because anyone fighting an election had to be ready to serve through the next parliament, and he was not yet ready to give that commitment, "The SDP will carry on regardless,

whether I'm there or not. Dr Owen said that Labour was moving towards social democracy and that it would not be long before Labour MPs with European connections began to use the

Conservative party. I'm not a Conservative. I have admiration for some of the things that Mrs Thatcher does, almost always when she is acting least like a Tory, breaking up monopolies, challenging vested interest. But I'm not the slightest bit attracted to the Tory party or government. And I don't find the wets the slightest bit appealing."

As for Labour, "It is extremely unlikely that they would want me or that I would want them. If there was to be an arrangement with the Labour Party it would be better and easier, and carry more credibility, if it was with an SDP that still existed."

But he continued: "If that is not possible, and we have the lunatic course, and all fight each other at the next election, I have no messianic view that I have to tell the British public how to vote. In those circumstances I would have enough difficulty making up my own mind in the privacy of a polling booth. However, I am ready, if there have been enough changes, to choose to help to get an alternative government. I haven't

retary in the Callaghan admin-istration, said: "Something makes me stop saying I will never rejoin

the Labour Party." And he praised Mr Kinnock, saying: "He has changed a lot. That takes courage. But I don't think the public know if his conversion is real, that is his problem." Agreeing that on Labour's tax proposals the SDP was finding

"increasing common ground", Dr Owen praised Labour's shift on economic and industrial policy, saying: "John Smith, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair have produced a really quite marked shift. There is still a slight tipping of the hat to old style corporatism and a touch of interventionism, but it is a tipping of the hat to say goodbye." What Labour should do, he said, was to adopt the SDP's "big idea" of merging the tax and social security systems. It should drop its complicated tax reforms, which would overload the system. He praised Labour for being "more positive about the European Community", and he said that there was a "much firmer

ing the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS. He declared: "There is for the first time a sniff of the 1990s about their policy here. It is still only a sniff, but you do get the feeling that, on ERM and the EMS and the EC, it is not just warmed up Callaghanism but that the party has moved on, and that's right."

But Dr Owen made it clear that. apart from a willingness to support proportional representation, any deal between the SDP and Labour would require further movement from Labour on defence. He said: Kinnock has himself to take on defence. He's too vulnerable on this issue to ignore it. He's got to show a level of understanding and involvement. He's got to use the word Trident. He's got to show he understands why Mitterrand and Rocard are willing to have a French nuclear deterrent and why they are ready to have air-launched stand-off missiles on their Mirages. There is a case for us having the same on our Tornadoes.

Because his conversion is suspect he's got to reinforce the impression that he is serious, and

likely" win it, and the 1990s then belong to the Conservatives, Dr Owen said it would be "sheer lunacy" for the Labour Party, the SDP, the Liberal Democrats and the Green Party to fight each other at that election. "In 1983 and 1987 the opposition parties were genuinely divided on substantial questions. In 1991-92 the situation will be very different. The policies of the opposition parties are much closer. The Labour Party is no longer advocating deeply dan-gerous and deeply damaging policies."

Dr Owen predicted that Labour would "come down to earth with a bump" next year as its lead in the opinion polls collapsed, and it might then be willing to consider working with others. "There is virtually no chance with the Liberal Democrats, but there is a very small chance with Labour." He himself would stay in politics only "as long as there is a constructive role, as long as there is a real chance of getting together a governing force which would be good for the country."

# Faith may move mountains but not the one-trek mind

Bernard Levin on a burden de Klerk shares with Gorbachov: ancient,

undying attitudes that defy reform

resident de Klerk's grand tour seems to be going well; whether he too can go well is still an open question. He is certainly saying things that sound significant, but so is President Gorbachov, who is finding out that although glasnost and perestroika are fine words, they would butter no parsnips even if the Russian people had any butter, or for that matter any parsnips. Some of the Things crawling about in the political undergrowth of South Africa can give you nightmares, and Mr de Klerk's position is quite as precarious as Mr Gorbachov's, if not more so.

Until the evidence is unambiguous, we should mute the cheers for a free and peaceful South Africa. But we should not allow the cheers to be silenced altogether. Remember that the years when progress seemed a mad idea, so mad that it vas dot worth eved dili it, were the years in which Mr de Klerk was coming to political maturity. Just as I prophesied the avatar who would come to begin the cleansing of the Soviet Union, and watched without surprise the appearance of Mr Gorbachov with a giant mop in his hand, so I never allowed myself to believe that the ice age in which South Africa lay frozen would or could endure for ever. I was often accused, during the two long nights, of foolish and reckless optimism; well, I am an optimist and I shall never cease to be one, but it was not just that which told me that I would see the Soviet Union free and South Africa fair: the main reason for my immovable conviction will be found summed up, with admirable conciseness, in the seventh chapter of St Matthew, verses 24-27 inclusive.

Yet just as Mr Gorbachov, even if he is entirely genuine, is in a race to break the habits of thinking which have been so long and so deeply ingrained in the beliefs and attitudes of his country, so Mr de Klerk, even if he is entirely genuine, is in a race with those who refuse to become col-

Which brings me to Piet van der Merwe. Van der Merwe is the archetype stupid Afrikaner, about whom all the stupid-Afrikaner stories are told. (A sample: Lieutenant van der Merwe is asked how he would arrange a firing squad to make absolutely pertain that the condemned man is shot; he replies that he would put the victim in a cleared space and have the riflemen form a circle round him. A second sample: Constable van der Merwe is putting in for promotion, and has to answer some test questions, one of which is, "What are rables and how do you treat them?" Van der Merwe's answer: "Rabies are Jew-ish priests and I treat them with contempt.") And what the Soviet reformer has to put up with in the form of apparatchiks meticulously trained never to have a thought of the South reformer has to put up with in the

form of Piet van der Merwe. Piet, as I may presume to call him (he is really quite a friendly figure), was photographed some weeks ago, at a scene of violence. This particular van der Merwe was a young, smooth-haired policeman, quite good looking and in the thick of the struggle (van der Merwes are not cowards). He was plainly taking his job seriously; his tongue was between his teeth, and his whole demeanour showed the effort he was making. And, without malice aforethought, or indeed anything aforethought, he was doing what he had been trained to do, what he did better than anything else, and what he enjoyed most in the world: he was hitting what he would call a Kaffir over the head.

You must understand that Piet van der Merwe, for all his sterling qualities, can hold in his mind at any time only one thought at most: if the one thought is a large or complicated one, he can grasp only a part of it. It is therefore felt essential that whenever van der Merwe is in a position of some responsibility or power, those



instructing him make sure that they never give him more than one thought, and that, if possible, a simple one.

When van der Merwe joined the police force, he was told that his job was to hit Kaffirs over the head. His superiors, mindful of the limited thought-space in his mind, would have taken care not to complicate things by varying the rule according to the circumstances; they rightly feared the potential confusion in van der Merwe's mind if he was told that he should discriminate by, say, situation, time of day, demeanour

of Kaffir, presence of cameramen, etc. No; better play safe: tell him that all he has to do is hit Kaffirs over the head, an instruction naturally accompanied by reassurance that nothing untoward will happen to him in the way of accusations of brutality or the like.

From that day to this, van der Merwe, with his IQ of 37, has stood foursquare before his duty, and hit Kaffirs over the head; what is more, from this day to when he is buried, he will continue to hit Kaffirs over the head, and if there are any Kaffirs where he is going

Kaffirs over the head, too. President de Klerk, like President Gorbachov, has very serious problems to deal with, whether he is the Man on the White Horse or not. But Mr de Klerk, again like Mr Gorbachov, is unable to get down to the immense task before him - which is the transformation not just of a country, but of the entire ethos, attitude and nature which has made that country what it is — without finding a way to persuade van der Merwe to stop hitting Kaffirs over the head.

f course, van der Merwe has been told from his infancy that Kaffirs are not fully human beings, but a lower order of creation. That, however, is not why he hits them over the head; if he were told they were god-like beings, but that nevertheless he had to hit them over the head, over the head is where he would hit them. After all, nobody told him in the first place why he was to hit Kaffirs over the head, and he certainly did not think to ask.

Some think that the devil rules the world. Of these, many would their claim. They would speak of his pointless cruelty, his racial prejudice, his disregard for justice, his brutalizing of himself. They miss the point; I go so far as to say that van der Merwe is not basically a bad man at all. He is just a man who has had, throughout his life, only one thought in his head, and it has never occurred to him that he might change that thought for another one. Until he does, until the characteristic sound of South Africa ceases to be the thwack of van der Merwe's club on the head of the nearest Kaffir, that beautiful country will never cleanse the stain on her beauty, and President de Klerk will draw up Constitutions in vain.

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\*Commenting on the collapse of B & C. I prophesied that Sir Peter Thompson, executive chairman, would get a huge "golden handshake" from the crash. He assures me that he would get nothing hy way of handshake, and for his entire remuneration only a twentieth of the sum I mentioned; I accept his assurance and offer him apologies for my injustice.

#### ...and moreover

# **CLEMENT FREUD**

hat is this that this is? I asked the waiter in French, pointing to the menu item. Le Filet de Rock ou Fumet des Legumes en Vin Blanc £12.95, in which I had understood all the words except Rock. He said it was a fish, a fish of Provence that came from the rocks and crevices of the sea. "Funny Freud didn't know that," I overheard a man tell another down the table.

Oh all right, I said, I'll have it - adding that Rock was not a French fish I had ever encountered. He gave me a look that waiters reserve for customers who got less than seven

out of 10 in pescology.

It was a serious restaurant: all the waiters spoke English with strong French accents - even the ones who came from Stockport - and for the first five minutes they played out the full repertoire of their profession: took away the plate and the knife and the fork behind which the six of us had been seated; removed the large glasses and brought small ones; slid the nankins out of the nankin rings, smoothed the linen, placed them in our lans and took away the rings, possibly to a safe deposit box at a Swiss bank. Later they came back with menus, suggested aperitifs and, at the host's behest, I was given the wine list. I chose the more expensive of two Sancerres.

At length, the wine waiter returned with a nicely chilled bottle of the less expensive Sancerre, gave it to me to inspect, grudgingly agreed that it was veritably not the Sancerre that I had ordered, and replaced it with the right one at room temperature. His cousin, the while, was presenting the bread basket, taking innocent delight in giving guests the bread roll most distantly removed from that to which they had pointed.

A serious restaurant, then, in which the wine is poured to fill one-seventh of the glass, whereafter the waiter removes the hottle to a distant winebucket. This forces customers to ask for more wine, to which entreaty the sommelier replies, "It is no trouble", and dispenses another thimble-full all round Pouding Yorkaise.

to make everyone appreciate the importance of the man's presence to the overall enjoyment of the repast. The place was as full as such places deserve to be - like not -

and an hour and 10 minutes

after our arrival one noticed the change in the pace of the staff's movement which denotes the imminent arrival of the main course. Our six covered plates. having been identified on the sideboard, were now placed before us, and the most senior of the serving people, she who must have been at least 20 years old, gave a flicker of an eyebrow and the half-dozen silver cloches were simultaneously lifted to display the content of the oeuvres du maître chef de cuisine - in my case a rather greyish looking piece of scyliorhinus stellaris, a sub-species of shark known as lesser-spotted dog-fish (dog-fish as the fish hunt in packs), often called rock salmon or rock eel by socially ambitious fish and chip shops such as encourage their clientele to wear yachting

On returning home I browsed among my French cookery books for signs of "rock". Larousse, which proclaims to be the ultimate authority, moves smoothly from Robert, Sauce, to Rognons, de Veau, Escoffier mentions it not, nor Carème. Elizabeth David in a chapter on Mediterranean Fish remarks that rock-salmon can be used as an alternative to real fish, and wise Tom Stobart, whom I respect above all other culinary experts, writes of what the Auberge de Provence in Buckingham Gate, London SW1, called "rock": "There are few serious recipes for dog-fish, though in Germany the bellyflans are considered a delicacy."

It is not a matter about which one would make a major scene. but there is something fundamentally rotten about a French restaurant setting up an offshoot in England, buying the cheapest fish in Billingsgate and selling it back to us enveloped in French words, without even the courtesy of Frenchification - as they do in Le Biftek avec

#### Down to the sea in trains

A plea has gone out from British Rail for ideas for a name for the new Channel Tunnel train service, a name that must rival Concorde in the public imagination. Tickets for the first run through the tunnel are offered by BR to any Times reader who can come up with a winning suggestion. Some £30,000 has aiready been spent on consultants, who have produced more than 5,000 suggestions, not one of which has been judged acceptable. The mole, the albatross and anything beginning with Euro- have already been

The task is a considerable challenge, for British Rail's brief is near impossible. Like Concorde, the name must be applicable to both the individual train and the service. There must be no hint of underground, undersea, tunnelling or water, all of which, research has shown, evoke negative images

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among passengers. The word must appeal equally to British, French, German and Dutch users - and American tourists as well. Yet because of special sensitivities in Belgium, to which the train will run, the word must not be French or Flemish.

Since final design work on the trains cannot be completed until a name, with all its connotations, is chosen, great urgency surrounds the selection. The train is due to run in 1993. The Times, as ever, stands ready to play its part in resolving this international crisis. All entries to our letters page.

#### Tisdall spurned

abour's frontbeach, busy seeking the mole who leaked a draft copy of its new policy statement to Michael Heseltine, has just turned down a job application from Sarah Tisdall, who went to prison in 1984 for leaking confidential memos from Heseltine himself, then Secretary of State for Defence. At the time Labour MPs rushed to defend the Foreign Office clerk, who got a sixmonth sentence for leaking to The Guardian copies of memos which Heseltine had sent to the Prime Minister about the arrival of cruise missiles. Neil Kinnock attacked the prosecution as "authoritarian", and at least three Labour MPs visited her in prison.

Tisdall, who worked in Sir Geoffrey Howe's secretarial team when he was Foreign Secretary, must therefore have expected at least an interview when she applied for the post of researcher to John Prescott, the shadow transport minister - a job which would



have involved her in dealing with media inquiries. But despite her experience and the celebrity she once enjoyed in Labour circles, Tisdall failed even to make the shortlist.

With the party anxious to trace its own mole, and the possibility growing of a Labour government, is its enthusiasm for freedom of information diminishing? Not at all, says a Prescott aide. "Miss Tisdall was not suitable for this job." Tisdall, however, is clearly a forgiving soul. She continues to read the paper that landed her in jail: the advertisement for the job was placed in The Guardian.

#### Hain's big try

nti-apartheid campaigner Peter Hain, once the most A hated man in Welsh rugby, is about to become a non-playing member of the principality's finest club. Hain was chairman of the campaign that opposed the Springbok tour of 1969-70 and organized demonstrations at every match. The former Young Liberal, now Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for the safe Neath seat, has been invited to become a

member of the local club. Hain recently joined members of the Neath club committee at the Welsh Cup final at Cardiff Arms Park, scene of one of the worst demonstrations 20 years ago.

Hain, however, says he has no fears of being put on the spot by members of the Neath team who favour playing in South Africa. Seven Neath players are now touring Namibia with the Welsh side, but before they left they signed statements supporting the sports boycott of South Africa, and the Welsh Rugby Union has taken the same stand. "The Welsh Rugby Union and Neath have swung fully behind the policy that I have been advocating," says Hain. "We can now enjoy our rugby standing shoulder to shoulder united on the sports boycott." Neath's nickname? The Blacks

 It is considered revolutionary that churches may shortly be able to advertise on British television but on packets of condoms? It is happening in South Africa, at least, where a Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Town has been granted permission to advertise the Gospel on contraceptives distributed free by medical clinics. Each packet will bear the message that the condoms are being offered to counter Aids, but that it is God's will that sex should be part

#### Time and a half

ttempts by the master watchmaker George Daniels to revive the British tradition of horology have reaped rich rewards. He produces only one gold pocket-watch a year, but they sell at more than £100,000 a [ good. Religion must play a key "church shall be judged by war

time, and he has a queue of customers. "There is an enormous market. Every year the world seems to get a little richer," hu says. Daniels has produced just 22 pocket watches since he began in 1968, and six go on show for the first time in public at Garrards in London today. Clocks and watches are a lifelong obsession, he admits, and aithough each timepiece takes him 3,000 hours to produce, he insists: "I have never worked in my life. Creating watches is pure pleasure, with its historical, intellectual, technical, aesthetic, useful and amusing qualities."

#### Ring of fire

hat the rest of us know as Ulster's bandit country is known to conservation branch officials in Northern Ireland's Department of the Environment as a very beautiful district. The department announced this week that it plans to designate the Ring of Gullion in South Armagh as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and invites public comment. The area is indeed beautiful, comprising an extinct volcano, Slieve Gullion, encircled by a ring of lower hills, enclosing small whitewashed farmsteads, heathland, mires, bogs and woods. There is, however, bound to be at least one objection - although it may not be formally lodged. The Ring of Gullion is also the operational theatre of the IRA's most enduring and successful unit, which lies low there between raids and uses it for swift access to the adjoining border. It will be interesting to see whether designation as an AONB will increase the flow of visitors.



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### MR GORBACHOV'S NEW DEAL

The announcement of a referendum in the Soviet Union on President Gorbachov's latest economic package was attended yesterday by a degree of confusion unusual even by Kremlin standards. Assuming that this unprecedented consultation of nearly 300 million citizens of the Union does indeed take place, a fascinating question must arise. How will Mr Gorbachov avoid it becoming a referendum, not merely on the "new deal", or even on the Government led by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, but on the Gorbachov presidency and the Communist Party's right to rule?

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The package itself is an unsatisfactory hybrid of more or less arbitrary price and wage rises, public works programmes to soak up unemployment, and a modest attempt to deregulate some industries. It differs from Franklin Roosevelt's original New Deal in almost every respect, beginning with the problem it is intended to address: a bankrupt command economy rather than merely a depressed free-market one. Whereas Roosevelt sought to alleviate unemployment after the Depression by proto-Keynesian methods — with very little success until American rearmament began after 1939 — Mr Gorbachov is trying to prevent huge unemployment by tinkering with the misdirection of resources, instead of unleashing market forces to subvert the entire centralized system.

Thus the question which the referendum will purport to answer - "Do you support the introduction of a market economy?" - is unrelated to the ragbag of decrees which Mr Ryzhkov will unveil on television today. Not that the Soviet peoples will cast their votes on such an abstract question anyway. The risk for Mr Gorbachov is that they will be tempted simply to register their despair at the prospect of yet more sacrifices in living standards, with no tangible return and with the communists still in charge. They will say to themselves: "That's another fine mess you've got us into, Mikhail Sergeyevich!"

If the result goes against the Government, the architect of the master-plan, Mr Gorbachov himself, will coolly walk away from the consequences. He will plead as his excuse the constitutional separation of powers,

which obliges the Prime Minister, Mr Ryzhkov (who fought against the plan until he saw that his job was at risk), to accept responsibility for defeat. And who would then appoint a new Prime Minister? The same Mr Gorbachov. Heads he wins, tails they lose.

A resounding "no" to the package might be deemed less than constructive by Mr Gorbachov's remaining admirers in the West, among whom Mrs Thatcher is still the most fervent. Why, though, should a Russian, never mind a Ukrainian or a Transcaucasian, help to pull the President's chestnuts out of the fire? He has promised new deals too often before. However one looks at the present offering, it has little to recommend it to the ordinary citizen. Russians do not necessarily march on their stomachs, luckily for their leaders. But they need something credible for a creed, and Mr Gorbachov's version of centrally-planned "market socialism" is not credible.

"First stuff yourself, morality comes later," wrote the young Bertolt Brecht, Today's reformist communists claim to be realists, but they yield nothing in cynicism to Brecht, who was a public apologist and private critic of Stalin. The Gorbachovs of 1990 are democratic to the nth degree, as long as they alone can dictate the agenda. As soon as their right to do so is called into question, they slap down their critics. A new law awaits the rubber stamp of the Supreme Soviet, designed to punish with up to six years in jail those who insult the President - a crime which will differ only in name from the archaic offence of lese-majesté.

Given that defeat in the referendum is quite likely, what is the President's real motive in allowing it to be held? Is he trying to dish Mr Boris Yeltsin by outbidding his most dangerous rival in the democracy stakes? Or is it not more likely that Mr Gorbachov - still smarting from his public humiliation on May Day but as sure of his own destiny as ever now hopes to strengthen himself by a direct appeal to the masses for a personal endorsement? Marx himself called this tactic Bonapartism: he had withering things to say about it. But who in Moscow reads Marx these

#### HALFWAY TO REDEMPTION

The dramatic policy implications of the Prime Minister's pledge to treat the environment as a tenant with a "full repairing lease" will be apparent when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change publishes its report on global warming tomorrow. Without action to curb emissions of "greenhouse gases", the report concludes, global mean temperatures within 40 years will average between 1.4 and 2.8 per cent above pre-industrial levels.

The main lines of Britain's response to these findings have now been agreed by a Cabinet committee and are revealed today in The Times. The centrepiece of this autumn's White Paper on the environment will be a national strategy for controlling man-made emissions of carbon dioxide. The aim will be to freeze CO2 emissions at 1990 levels by 2005.

Environmentalists are likely to criticize the Government for excessive modesty, drawing unfavourable comparisons with the Dutch Government's target of holding emissions to 1988 levels by 2000. Even so, compliance will imply reducing projected levels of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20 per cent. Politicians have to consider not only whether that is technically feasible but what measures are cost-effective, and will be accepted by the public.

Ministers are convinced that Britain can meet the 2005 target without too much economic disruption. The policy is not just to rely on exhortation, as in the past, but to concentrate on energy conservation and on fiscal incentives and penalties to change consumption patterns. This approach, based on experience of the oil price rise of the 1970s, is sound. More dubious are the assumptions that a 1970s-style recession can at the same time be avoided, or that the target can be met, as Mrs Thatcher insists it must, without interfering with "the great car economy".

The main culprit today is not vehicle exhaust, but power stations, which are responsible for a third of Britain's CO2 emissions. There is considerable potential here: replacing coal-fired generation by natural gas would cut emissions by 40 per cent, and cogeneration of energy and heat or combined cycle power generation would produce further savings. The considerable cost would have to

be met largely by consumers. Unless the price of electricity rises to reflect its true "environmental" cost, there will be no incentive for builders and home-owners to use less. Scientists estimate that energy requirements for new homes could be halved, those of commercial buildings reduced by 75 per cent.

The Government appears resigned to facing the electorate with an unpopular programme of sharp energy price increases. The question is whether fiscal measures alone - building on the Chancellor's success in persuading motorists to switch to lead-free petrol - will curb the other main source of carbon dioxide pollution, the motor vehicle. Stricter regulations on vehicle maintenance and speed limits would produce only marginal savings. The cars of the future may well be powered by hydrogen. natural gas or electricity. People may be induced by tax changes to opt for alternativelypowered vehicles even if they produce lower

Yet the impact of these savings would be negated if, as predicted by last year's transport White Paper, the number of British vehicles increases by anything from 83 to 142 per cent within 35 years. Even without any greenhouse effect, London has long needed the equivalent of the Réseau Extérieur Régional (RER) rapid transit railway which serves the Paris region. Singaporean solutions such as alternate-day permits or rationing of vehicle licences are unworkable in Britain. Commuters will continue to pollute the air with traffic jams unless there are efficient, reasonably priced

The Government is determined to make energy, not transport, bear the brunt of conservation strategy. If that strategy is to carry credibility, transport policy will have to be galvanized. However alien the idea is to Mrs Thatcher - her aversion to rail is welldocumented - this means heavy public-sector investment in transport. Such a commitment would be electorally wise; consumers faced with energy-based cost-of-living increases would at least be assured that the Government was prepared to break ideological moulds

### PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

A well-kept secret was let out of the mailbag yesterday by Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading. The secret is that an organization exists to save people from junk mail. It is called the Mailing Preference Service, has existed for seven years and is supported by the junk mail industry.

The MPS not only exists; it holds an annual luncheon. Yesterday it lunched Sir Gordon, and he ungratefully repaid its hospitality by more or less accusing it of refusing to blow its own trumpet. Sir Gordon hesitated to suggest out loud that an indiscriminate mail-shot was called for. But he said, in OFT-speak, that "an effective publicity campaign has to be properly resourced and targeted to reach its audience. May the MPS (Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ) be overwhelmed by the public response.

The direct selling industry is currently enjoying a boom, expanding by about 10 per cent a year. This is immensely profitable, both to the Royal Mail and, presumably, to the direct sellers themselves. But junk mail is not so good for trees: a correspondent to this newspaper estimated that he received more than six pounds of such mail through the post every month, which works out on the back of a junk mail envelope at 60,000 tons a year for the whole country. We could apparently spend eight months of our lives reading junk mail, if we did not do the expected thing, and junk it

Asking the industry to publicize its anti-junk mail service is like asking butchers to promote vegetarianism. Let us, the industry must have

said to itself, set up some backstreet shell company so we can say we have done our bit. Let us keep as quiet as possible this list of those cantankerous members of society who refuse to be junk mailed. A valiant third of a million people have stumbled upon the MPS in one way or another. The industry has undertaken to remove their names from its postal selling data bases. It may be no coincidence that while Sir Gordon's office spent the afternoon gathering and then dispensing information about the MPS, the service itself had taken the phone off the book.

Junk mail is all about lists. When anyone orders anything by post or answers an advertisement, his name goes on a list. Clubs sell their lists of members. There is a major trade in electoral registers. The art of junk mail is targeting, based for instance on the knowledge that clergymen prefer to order wine by post or that dentists drive Volvos. All these spurious correlations of a nation's spending habits are refinements to be fed into the industry's computers, to improve the efficiency of the bulk unsolicited mailing which is

the industry's raison d'etre. Meanwhile America is hoist with its own ingenuity. The organizers of the national census are struggling to raise the rate of reply from the public much above the 50 per cent level. The reason appears to be that the average American has thrown his census form away. assuming it is yet more junk mail.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Observer's view of Romanian polls NHS facilities and ward closures

rapid privatisation - a matter of

some debate in our own country

The inhabitants of the squares are convinced of conspiracies

everywhere. We saw no evidence

of such conspiracy. Incompetence, yes: the election could have been

better conducted and we would

want to see much simpler proce-

dures, more assistance at the

polline stations, and more rapid

counting next time. A more vigorous press and media on

western lines is also essential.

inexperience was, however, offset by the determination of the voters

and the helpers from all parties at

the local level to make the thing

could be expected. I hope they can

recover, perhaps with advice from

equivalent parties in the West, and

learn how to get out of Bucharest on to the doorsteps to fight

Many of the observers were

thrilled with what they saw. We

felt we were present at the birth of

a new democracy, more fragile than some of its neighbours, with a more painful start, but with

every hope for the future of this

addition, Condeg's delegate to the National Dialogue set up by the

Guntemulan Government itself in

accordance with the Central American Peace Accord of 1987.

Amnesty International has is-

sued an urgent appeal on his

behalf but so far there has been no

sign of him. Last week his wife who has filed an official writ of

habeas corpus was summoned to a

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It could soon be if representa-

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human rights and for the good name of the people and Govern-

Sir, My solicitor tells me he is

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a barrister's opinion, for which I

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authorities, general practitioners and local authorities in a particu-

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to deliver real health and quality benefits to patients is realised.

Yours sincerely, ALASDAIR LIDDELL

Union Lane, Chesterton,

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From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, How can you begin to call the Romanian people "gullible" (leading article, May 22) when they Sir, How can you begin to call the Romanian people "millible" (lead-ing article, May 22) when they have just some through a bloody revolution which required courage of the highest order? And how date you imply that the attitudes of the British observers were "frivolous" and not "robust" when we agreed with the very large party from the USA and disagreed with a French socialist and some lawyers from Sweden?

My colleague from the Labour Party officially representing the British Parliament was not Roy Hattersley—whom I did not see at any time during my visit, but who appears to have come to the same conclusions - but the well-re-spected Robert Warring, MP for Liverpool, West Derby.
We reckon we know intimida-

tion and ballot rigging when we see it; we are certain that what we observed in Romania included nothing of the sort, but was in fact as free and fair an election as could be achieved by people for whom this was all completely new.

Your leader talks glibly about street violence and the "disillasioned sansculottes". We saw two such "demonstrations", in the main aquares of Bucharest and Timisoara. In both cases the event was more of a daily political rally; the Romanians have discovered Hyde Park Corner. Despite a massive disruption of traffic in Bucharest (they have discovered traffic jams too, now petrol is no longer in short supply), the police and army have for weeks shown

enormous restraint. This was no Trafalgar Square poll tax demo, with baton-wielding police or tear gas. Instead there is pop music, popcorn from the burgeoning private stalls, and people talking politics long into the night.

The demonstrators are hardly sansculottes" either. They tend

#### Gnatemala abduction From Mr Robert Kee

Sir, On the evening of May 3 an event took place in the capital of Gnatemala which suggests a fur-ther sinister omen for that beautiful country's precarious civilian Government under its Christian Democrat President, Vinicio Cerezo Arévalo. A young man, Luis Miguel Solis Pajarito, whose own Christian Democrat father and three brothers had "dis-appeared" in 1984 before the return to civilian rule, was abducted on the streets of Guatemala City and has not been heard of since.

What makes this "disappearance" particularly ominous - it is one of hundreds in recent years is the fact that Pajarito was a member of Condeg, the National Council for the Displaced, and the first to suffer this fate. He was, in

#### Housewives' choice From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, Apparently students at Southampton have been instructed not to use certain words, one of which is "housewife". I must agree with this, especially since as an ex-Serviceman I have a distant memory of being issued with a housewife (pronounced huzif), i.e., a pocket sewing kit when I was initially kitted out.

Might I suggest that we do as in the United States, where any married woman with no profession, trade, occupation or voca-tion is called a home-maker. Apart from being more descriptive of the duties performed, it has a much better sound about it. Yours truly, JOHN F. MARTIN,

57 Tycehurst Hill, Loughton, Essex.

#### Health exercise

From Mr Alasdair Liddell Sir, Jill Sherman's report (May 17) of our simulation exercise on the new internal market in health care was inaccurate in two important respects in her description of market "failure". First, she omitted the fact that

we deliberately set out to test the new arrangements to failure, so that we could learn how to make them successful in practice, to the benefit of our patients and populations. There is nothing new in testing to failure - Volvo's marketing strategy was for a time based on crashing its motor cars— and it can produce valuable learning, as indeed it did in our

Second, her report only gave half the story: the simulation did

#### Police and the public From Mr P. G. Forbes

Sir, From news incidents we now have the fashionable stereotype image of the police...discourteous, brutal, racist and corrupt. On the other hand, many offenders seem so innocent, so harmless after the incidents. The only thing that stands between civilisation and lawlessness is the police officer who encounters violent often hysterical offenders, possibly under the influence of drugs or drink and a threat to his or her personal safety.
Often the police are expected to

make critical decisions within seconds, but later those with time to analyse are often ready to condemn the police while "the victim" receives a second chance. Most people in our society are insulated from the misery which has become part of everyday life for our police. As a night club operator, I often see first hand the incredible stress that is part of the

job of keeping the pcace.

I have no preconceived idea about what makes a person decide to join the police, but may they continue to do so. It is a deeply regrettable fact that a small percentage are unworthy of the task, however let us all be grateful to the thousands of dedicated men and women police officers who struggle against almost impossible odds to preserve our society and who must now surely be tired of being reviled by the very people they protect.

Yours faithfully, PHIL PORBES, Brooklynn Close Waltham Chase, Hampshire.

From the Chief Executive of Crime Concern

Sir, Your reports (May 21, 22) seem to imply that Crime Concern is accusing chief constables of ob-

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (971) 782 5946,

From the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the Intensive Care Society

Sir, Approximately 1 per cent of all acute hospital beds in the UK are designated for intensive care. However over the past two de-cades demand for intensive-care

facilities has increased.

In other countries of Europe the proportion of intensive-care beds is up to 5 per cent and in the United States more than 10 per

A ratio of one nurse to each patient is considered the minimum, but complex treatment may require more than two to one. The number of trained nurses is decreasing in many units whilst in others trained nurses cannot be employed because of the shortage of money. Critically-ill patients are being denied intensive treat-

Project 2000, the new nurse-training scheme, will be fully operational by 1994 and the combined effect has been esti-As for the landslide personal victory of President Iliescu, the fact is he had no effective opponents. One had been in France for 14 years and the other left his mated to mean a shortfall of country for exile half a century 16,000 people to nursing. Or-dinary wards will no longer be fully staffed by qualified nurses and intensive-care beds will come ago. I wonder how we might have voted in 1945, had two of the three candidates for prime minister spent the war in comfort in under even greater pressure. Canada? Handicapped like that, the minor parties did as well as As far as we know, the Govern-

ment has not acknowledged that intensive care is an essential national service and the health service review is unlikely to help the situation since intensive care is very expensive. Whatever is planued for the non-urgent patients, the health service must continue to accept responsibility for emergency care and provide it regardless of financial constraints.

E. MAJOR GUY ROUTH (Secretary), Intensive Care Society. 9 Bedford Square, WCI. May 23.

#### Church repairs From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, Six years ago we were very grateful for a Department of the Environment grant of 40 per cent of the cost of a part of our church repairs. By the time our present quinquennial repairs are done, some £100,000 will have been spent on this church over a 10-year period, of which over £13,000 will have been VAT. Even if we had again got a 40 per cent (maximum rate) Government grant, we would barely have recovered what we paid in tax; as it is, we will be well down.

Government grants are far costfier to administer than charitable grants (for which we are also very grateful). An English Heritage architect must visit the church at least twice, and approve any specification, thus duplicating the work already done by the church's own architect, Architects' time (plus VAT!) doesn't come cheap.

Also, English Heritage officials must wade through up to 50 architects' quinquennial reports a week; their time, too, costs money. And there can be a cost to the local church, for no work can start without prior approval, and delay

Would it not be far better for English Heritage simply to grant a VAT exemption certificate to any church that they consider eligible on heritage grounds? They could of course insist that no work be done without a faculty or archdeacon's certificate, and stipulate that they approve the church's choice of architect.

Some churches of quite outstanding merit would still deserve and need a grant; but let English Heritage concentrate on them and not, as at present, get involved in all the others. Yours faithfully, GILES HUNT

St Catherine's Vicarage, Preston Lane, Faversham, Kent. May 14.

#### Raising tax rate From his Honour Judge Galpin Sir, David Butler ("How deep the Labour allure?", May 17) speaks of the Labour proposal to raise the

top rate of income tax from 40p to 50p in the £ as "a 10 per cent hike in income tax for the rich". It is no such thing. It is a 25 per cent hike, and you would not have to be all that rich to incur it.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN GALPIN, St Bruno House, Charters Road. Sunnningdale, Berkshire. May 17.

structing the growth of Neighbour-

bood Watch. In our report. "Neighbourhood Watch and the Police", we make no such allegation. The con-sultation we conducted with police officers from 40 forces revealed that a break on dev-elopment had to be applied in some areas because of pressure on police resources. The whole point of the consultation was to find the most effective ways of managing Neighbourhood Watch without making unrealistic demands on

the police. The remarkable growth of Neighbourhood Watch since its inception in 1982 to 83,000 schemes now is a testament to the commitment of both the police and the public to creating safer

communities. Yours faithfully, NIGEL WHISKIN, Chief Executive. Crime Concern, David Murray John Building. Brunel Centre. Swindon, Wiltshire

### From Professor S. I. Cohen

Sir, The letter from Sir Nicholas Sir, The letter from Sir Nicholas Hunt, Chairman of the South West Surrey Health Authority (May 21) makes me very gloomy for the future of the National Health Service. It takes years to build up a centre of excellence; when it is disrupted the staff, especially the nurses, are demoralised, as described by Sister A. Sanchez Felix in the following letter, and they leave.

My own ward was disrupted for financial reasons three years ago, some of the best nurses left and we are only now recovering. In the interval the quality of the care we could offer, despite the best efforts of everyone, was significantly below our former standards.

Yours sincerely, SAMUEL I. COHEN, The London Hospital Medical Department of Psychiatry, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Wing, Turner Street, El.

From Mr Maurice Godbold Sir, Like Mr Baxter (May 15) I have been a patient of Mr Notley's but unlike Mr Baxter I do not think I have sufficient information to understand why the size of the urological facilities at Surrey County Hospital have been so severely reduced.

Yesterday's (May 14) article by Mr Taylor indicated that the unit may be a victim of the direction of increased NHS resources to the North rather than the South. But to lay all the blame on the Government and its priorities presupposes fully effective local management - essential if problems are to be solved by throwing money at them as suggested by Mr

Yours faithfully, MAURICE GODBOLD, Maytree Cottage, High Pitfold, Hindhead, Surrey.

#### Quarrying at Stowe

From Mr E. V. Reynolds and others Sir, The first Headmaster of Stowe, J. F. Roxburgh, stated that "any boy educated at Stowe would recognise beauty for the rest of his life". As Roxburgh's successors we have done our utmost to preserve Stowe for future generations and are proud that our efforts have culminated in the gift, aided by a most generous benefactor, of the gardens to the National Trust last

Attempts to quarry sand and gravel at Chackmore in 1964 and 1972 were rejected; it is ironic that hardly is the ink dry on the agreement with the National Trust (involving substantial public grants from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and English Heritage) than an application is made to quarry gravel within a few hundred yards of these historic grounds (report, early editions.

May 12, letters, May 15). One of the glories of the landscape is the chain of lakes across the south front, which depend on the stability of the water table. These lakes are now threatened. The peace of our neighbours in Chackmore, Akeley, and Buckingham is also threatened. We hope that this newest application for a quarry will be rejected firmly once and for all.

Yours faithfully, E. V. REYNOLDS (1949-58). D. CRICHTON-MILLER (1958-63) R. O. DRAYSON (1964-79). CHRISTOPHER TURNER Stowe School, Buckingham.

Living language From Mr A. M. Mackintosh

Sir, Dr Martin (May 22) is being pedantic in criticising the GCSE English paper instructions. Hem-ingway's title, "For whom the bell tolls", is a quotation from John Donne. Does Dr Martin insist that his students use 16th-century English? I know it is not quite dead yet, but the bell has been tolling a long time for "whom".

Yours faithfully, A. M. MACKINTOSH, St Algars Farm, West Woodlands. Frome, Somerset.

From Mr C. E. de Salis Sir, Hemingway might indeed have called his nove! Who the bell is tolling for? if he had been reading Macbeth, act IV, scene 3:

... The dead man's knell is there scarce ask'd for who Such are the mysteries of English usage!

C. E. de SALIS Tower House, West Street, May 22.

From Mr David Terry Sir, I was intrigued to read (report. May 21) that Dolly Pentreath, who died in 1777, was the last Cornish speaker and that she refused to speak English. Who did she speak to?

Yours faithfully, DAVID TERRY, 28 Hill Grove Crescent, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. From Mr J. P. Moir

Sir, When she died in 1777, Dolly Pentreath may well have been the last Cornish speaker, but the language did not become extinct until 1782. Dolly Pentreath predeceased her parrot by five years. Yours faithfully, J. P. MOIR. St George's House,

27 High Street, Sandwich, Kent. May 22.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 23: The Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and The Prince of Wales, as Great Master, this morning attended a Service of the Order in Westminster Abbey, and were present at the installation of Knights of the Most Honour-able Order, which took place in

Chapel of the Order.
Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester (extra Dame Grand Cross of the Order) was present. Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were received at the Great West Door by the Dean and the Chapter of

The following Officers of the Order were on duty: the Dean (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne), Bath King of Arms (Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans), the Registrar and Secretary (Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling), the Genealogist (Dr Conrad Swan), Gentlemen Usher of the Scarlet Rod (Rear-Admiral David Macey), and the Deputy Secretary (Lieutenant-Colonei Malcolm Ross).

The Hon, Mary Morrison, the Right Hon, Sir William Heseltrne, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, the Hon Edward Tollemache (Page of Honour), Major-General Sir Christopher Airy and Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott were in

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, left Heathrow Airport, London this morning for Belgium where his Royal Highness opened the Organization's new Headquar-

ters Offices in Brussels. This afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Air Force Manston and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (The Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton). His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Associ-

50th Anniversary Fleet, in Captain Alastair Rogers, R.M. was in attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE

ation of Dunkirk Little Ships

May 23: Licutenant-Colonel M Boissard today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the

Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel C Mackenie-Beevor also had the hon- London EC2 our of being received by Her Lady Nicholas Gord Majesty upon assuming his now was in attendance.

appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

KENSINGTON PALACE May 23: The Prince of Wales addressed a meeting of the Confederation of British Industry and Centre for Informa-tion on Language Teaching and Research, at the Royal Society able Order, which took place in King Henry VII's Chapel, the Chapel of the Order.

Arts, 8 John Adams Street, London WC2.

Mr Peter Westmacott and Mr

Richard Arbiter were in His Royal Highness received

the Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Af-fairs (the Right Hon Douglas Hurd MP) at St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, held a seminar and reception for business leaders.

in the Kensington Palace State Apartments, W8. The Princess of Wales attended the Jester Ball in aid of Action on Addiction, at the Hilton Hotel, London WI. Mrs. George West and

Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Royal Air Force Shawbury, The Lady Gienconner and Major The Lord Napier and

Ettrick were in attendance. Her Royal Highness visited the British Interior Design Exhibition at Chelsea Old Town Hall, SW3. this evening.
Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in

The Duke of Gloucester today was present at a Service of Commemoration at Calais, France, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Defence of Calais by the Royal Green

Major Nicholas Barne was in The Duchess of Gloucester was present this afternoon at the launch of Spencer Industrial Arts Trust's Scholarship Scheme at St Mary's Guildhall,

Coventry.

Later Her Royal Highness opened the department of Obstetries and Gynaecology. Wals-grave Hospital, Coventry and subsequently visited the Mid-land Sports Centre for the Disabled, Tile Hill, Coventry.

The Duchess of Gloucester was received by Colonel P J C Robinson (Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands). Mrs Howard Page was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE May 23: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present at a City Luncheon held by the Friends of Templeton College at the National Westminster Hall,

Lady Nicholas Gordon Len-

land Hotel, Manchester,

Princess Alexandra will open

the British Interior Design Ex-hibition at Chelsea Old Town

Hall at 11.00; and will attend a

charity screening of Crimes and Misdemeanors at the Odeon Film Centre, Richmond, at 8.00

in aid of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sail-

Prince Michael of Kent, patron, will attend a luncheon in aid of

ors, Soldiers and Airmen.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Margaret, as Patron of Duke of Edinburgh, will launch the Halle Concerts Society, will HMS Lancaster at Yarrow Shipbuilders. Scotstoun, Strathclyde, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Midat 12.15.

12.45 in aid of the Halle Endowment Appeal; and will visit the Fairfield General Hos-The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit Fort Purbrook, pital, Bury, at 3.15. Portsmouth, at 10.30 to meet The Duchess of Gloucester, as Chairmen and Senior Exec- Patron of the Scottish Opera. utives of the Training Enterprise will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.15. Councils, will attend a con-ference of Training Enterprise Councils and Local Enterprise Agency Directors at All Saint's Church, Portsea, Portsmouth, at 11.30; and will attend a conference for Training and Enter-prise Council chairmen at the Pyramids, Clarence Esplanade at 12.40.

Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a Rae McVae concert at the Festival Hall at 7.40.

#### Birthdays today

Mr James Anderton, chief con-Stable, Greater Manchester, 58; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 64; the Duke of Bedford, 73; Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman, BET, 63; Rear-Admiral Sir Victoria. reigned 1927 1921. Kenneth Buckley, 86; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 73; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 74; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 49; Miss Kathleen Hale, author and illustrator, 92; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer 78; Sir Terence Heiser, civil servant, 58; Mr Justice Hodgson, 73; Mr Clifford Irving former chairman, executive former chairman, executive council, Isle of Man Governtect, 84; Mr Adrian Moorhouse,

swimmer, 26.
Mr Tony Mullett, chief constable, West Mercia, 57; Mr Luke Rittner, former secretary general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 43; Sir Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 84; Lord Justice Staughton, 57; Mr William Trevor, writer, 62; Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 58; Miss Mai Zetterling, actress, 65.

#### School news

The following awards have been and Helitybury.

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Piran's, Maldenhead, and Halleybury:
J.G. Freeman, Keble School, Winchmore Hill. and Halleybury: J.S.
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Premission: J.M. Appleby, Halleybury
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M. Charley and Halleybury: C.M. HallHertford and Halleybury: C.M. HallHertford and Halleybury: J.M. Halleybury: J.C.
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Without and Halleybury: J.W. Stahl.
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Danes Hill School, Ozsholt.
Major Bruss: Scholarship: D.A.R.
Sambon, Seechwood Park, St Allens.
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Form Music Scholarships: J. Byrne. The King's School, Entity J. Weight. Channing I. Highgale. Shrewsbury School

Scholarships 1990 The following Scholarships and A DE TOTOWING SCHOUNTSTIPS AND Exhibitions have been awarded: Butter Scholarshus: N.J.B. Green (Variet Hall): JR. Mickelfront (Ab-beriev Hall): P.D.W. Woode (Presi-felde): C.M.T. Wright (Summer Fields).

dy Scholarshios: M.J. Chartes tend Grangel; A.T. Sentance thie Hall: R.J. Vine (prestreich: Yandey Ofingstand Grange). Scholarships: R.D. Sennister

#### the Tracheotomy Patients Ald Fund at the RAC at 12.30. Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdansk, 1686; Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, prime minister of South Africa 1919-24, 1939-48, Riebeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

DEATHS: David I, King of Scotland 1124-53, Carlisle, ert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury statesman, Mariborough, Witt-shire, 1612; Jane Porter, nov-elist, Bristol, 1850; William enst, Bristol, 1650: William Lloyd Garrison, Abolitionist, New York, 1879; John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State 1953-59, Washington, 1959; Duke Ellington, New York

HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck off Greenland, 1941.

(Malsis); H.M.A. Griffiths (Packwool Haugh); W.J.H. Hodson (Winterfold Homes Altrodon Echaptions: M.A.T. Fourner (Yarlet Hain), D.M.C. Hooper (Old Hail); R.U. Hoque (Old Hail); J.B. Mendalsohn (Moor Park); E.C. Shu-lervorth (Winterfold Houser T. Scho-terson Millermann (Monthad Cranet) tieworth (Wh theworth (Winderfold Houset T. Schill bran-Weissteam (Glagahand Grange) A.L. Taylor (Old Hall); N.R. Wilsot (Yarlet Hall). Music Scholarships: T.J.F. Barbe (The Phyrim's School, Winchester) J.A.C. Wooljam (Lichtleid Cathedral) CMT Wright (Surather

Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks The Governors announce the award of the following scholar-

**Wycombe Abbcy School** 

Speech Day is on June 29. The guest speaker will be the Rt Hon The Lord Carrington. In the evening a Charity Summer Ball will be held in the Marquee, and any Seniors interested in attend-ing should apply for tickets to the School Secretary. On Saturday. September 15, the Seniors' Annual General Meeting will be held at School. Circles 101 - 130 will be invited to

#### **OBITUARIES**

**Appointments** Dr Alun Joses to succeed Dr

# TED TINLING



the age of 79. He was born at Eastbourne on June 23, 1910.

THE death of Ted Tinling has deprived tennis and haute championships. In 1928 he as liaison between committee countire of a spectacular eccentric and epicurean socialite played in the new Roland Tinling's association with who opened windows in the minds of all who knew him. glamorous segment of tennis for over 60 years, he became the embodiment of the game's history and its resident sage. Tinling's personality, wasp-

ish wit, and flair for the outrageous often invited comparison with Oscar Wilde and Noël Coward: and in his case, as in theirs, the glittering facade was a vital support to the rich resources of a remarkable and inventive intellect that had an enduring influence. The course of Tinling's

unusual and distinguished career was largely dictated by a well-to-do background, bronchial asthma in childhood, and the Wall Street crash of 1929. For the sake of his health the family moved to the French Riviera, where he was brought up in the pleasure-seeking high society of the Gatsby era and, at the age of 13, was recruited to impire a match for Suzanne Lenglen and became part of her entourage. Umpiring and refereeing gave him an income for eight

The gilded life-style of the Riviera ended with the Depression. In 1931 Tinling. benefiting from the social connections of his tennisoriented Riviera youth, set up a dress-designing business in Montgomery in turn. He spent

Garros Stadium in Paris. Nice the young Tinling was enchanted by the "beautiful people" of the leisured classes, by high fashion and palatial hotels - and by the incomparable Lengien.

Such was the context in which Tinling developed his taste for (and expertise in) rich society, couture, and tennis. His only regret was that as a paid official he could not enter tournaments because of the amateur rules. In later years he played such great champions as Henri Cochet, Bill Tilden, Frank Sedgman, and Lew Hoad; he represented the Army and Sussex, and competed at Wimbledon. Within a year of his initia-

tive in setting up a one-room designing business in London, Tinling had premises in Mayfair and a staff of five. These had expanded to three figures by the time he paid them off at the outbreak of the Second World War, During the 1930s Tinling, Norman Hartnell, Hardy Amies, and Digby Morton were exciting innovators in the world of haute couture. Tinling became a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Intelligence Corps, serving on the personal staffs of Eisenhower and

stars and a former senior and his experience as an preters for the Allied Control official of the game, has died at umpire and assistant referee Commission. Then he picked (on the Riviera and, during up the threads as a conturier such diverse interests as Wagthe summer, at Le Touquet) and resumed what he led to regular holiday work at described as his "call-boy" the French and Wimbledon duties at Wimbledon, serving

Tinling was the third son of 1927. It was interrupted after Associated with the most a prosperous chartered the 1949 championships accountant and a widely trav- because he was ahead of his elled, free-thinking mother. In time - true to his nature - in designing the lace-trimmed panties that, as a result of ensuing publicity, incurred official displeasure by turning because he was a showman

> Tinling had previously designed acceptable "new look" dresses, with coloured hems, for Joy Gannon and Betty Hilton. Moran had formerly played in shorts. But Tinling designed a dress for her and at Moran's insistence he reluctantly improvised tennis underwear to go with it. Tinling's original Wimble-

> don connection arose partly because of the need for a trouble-shooter after a stormy controversy surrounding Lenglen in 1926. His recall to Wimbledon, in 1982, followed the 1981 fuss concerning John McEnroe. These were examples of the respect in which Tinling was held as a mediator: and, latterly, as chef de protocole for the international Tennis Federation.

In 1972 Tinling, long renowned for designing tennis dresses and wedding gowns for great players, became official designer to the Virginia Slims women's circuit, and in 1976 he settled in Philadelphia. Though long in years way guys want 'em to look."

Ted Tinling, famous for London. At the same time his seven years in uniform, the and often in poor health, he designing dresses for tennis acquaintance with the players last two organizing interion and high society - and for ner and ten pin bowling.

A great communicator with much to communicate - and a knack of identifying the nub of any match or peripheral controversy - Tinling was an Wimbledon had begun in easily accessible and rewarding target for columnists roving Wimbledon in search of a story that was different and a "quote" that was provocative.

He often exaggerated and never shirked the pleasure of indulging his prejudices Gussy Moran into a sex with an engaging sense of symbol. with an engaging sense of mischief. One of his most charming traits, as evident in his conversation as it was in his books (White Ladies, Love and Faults and Sixty Years in Tennis), was that he was far readier to discuss others than he was to talk about himself.

Tinling was easy to find. He was 6ft 5in tall ("being so tall was both inconvenient and expensive"), was very much an egg-head once he had lost his hair, and dressed as a bejewelled, colourful advertisement for his profession and his impish nature.

Tinling's company left everyone wiser and happier, because nobody else explored so many avenues of tennis with such open-minded perception and nobody had more fun on the way.

Tinling's lasting legacy may be the marriage he achieved between haute couture and women's tennis. As an epitaph he would not have minded a description once applied to him by an American: "The gny who makes girls look the

#### **ROCKY GRAZIANO**

Rocky Graziano, world middleweight boxing champion from 1947 to 1948, died on May 22 in a New York hospital. Estimates of his age vary between 68 and 71. In Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, the "Bible" of boxing, his birth-date is given as January 1, 1922.

ROCKY Graziano's tenure of the world middleweight title was, given the almost legendary status of his name and exploits (enshrined on celluloid by Paul Newman in the 1956 film Somebody Up There Likes Me), relatively brief. But it must be remembered that he operated in an era in which top class middleweights neighbourhood in a scheme to relieve were plentiful. Indeed, as the list of passing lorries of their cargoes. One his contemporaries — Tony Zale Marcel Cerdan, Jake LaMotta and the great Sugar Ray Robinson — suggests, it was the golden age of middle-weights. Admittedly Graziano's talents were not of an order to guarantee a long campaigning career. Colourful and crowd-pleasing almost to a fault, he was a fighter of the kill-or-be-killed school, and had little use for the defensive arts. Once his relentless two-fisted attack had spent itself, an opponent who was still on his feet was undoubtedly in with a chance. But his performance in the ring, like his colourfully dubious exploits outside it, was of a character to breed heroworship. Certainly, whatever the deficiencies in his technical equipment, his courage was never in doubt.

Luncheons

The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd were entertained

at luncheon at 10 Spring Gar-dens yesterday by Sir Richard Francis, Director-General of the

Royal Institution of Chartered

Mr Roger Freeman, Minister of State for Transport, was enter-tained at luncheon yesterday by Mr David Male, President of the

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, at 12 Great George

Princess Alexandra and Sir An-

gus Ogilvy were present yes-terday at a City Luncheon held

at the National Westminster Hall by the President and Friends of Templeton College.

The following have been elected officers of the Coopers' Com-

pany for the ensuing year: Master, Mr B.M. Taylor; Upper Warden, Mr K.F. Brand: Under Warden, Mr T.F. Quinn.

Lady Cumberlege

The life barony conferred upon Julia Frances Mrs Cumberlege,

has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness

Lady Brigstocke

The life barony conferred on Heather Renwick Mrs Brigsto-

cke, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness

Brigstocke, of Kensington in the

Royal Borough of Kensington

The life barony conferred on Mr

Ernest Jackson Lawson Soulsby

has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Soulsby of Swaffham Prior, of Swaffham

Prior in the County of

**Lord Soulsby of** 

Swaffbam Prior

and Chelies.

Cambridgeshire.

County of East Sussex.

Cumberlege, of Newick in the

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Of his three world title bouts with the rugged Tony Zale, the first two are rated among the most savage spectacles ever to have been seen inside the ropes.

Rocky Graziano was born Rocco Barbella in a draughty tenement flat on New York's Lower East Side. His father had been a third-rate fighter and seldom managed to hold down a job. Rocco learned to steal as a natural consequence of learning to walk. In infant school he stole the milk money, pencils, India rubbers and anything else that could be sold. Before he had reached his teens he was teamed up with a boy from his would scramble on to the vehicles as they passed at slow pace through the East Side, and throw down crates of fruit and other merchandise which would be disposed of through a crooked local trader. He and his friend were jemmying slot machines on the New York Subway when police caught them and Rocco began the first of his many terms of corrective detention.

By 19 a hardened criminal, he went from jail straight into the US Army at the outbreak of war in 1941. After a short career of violent insubordingtion he deserted and fled back to the East Side, changing his name to Rocky Graziano to escape detection. He was caught, disbonourably discharged from the Army and given a

hiding he had begun pro boxing in a one of the two of us would have New York gymnasium. When he came out of jail he was taken up by a Zale regained the title in 1948 in sympathetic manager in Irving Cohen. In the first four years of his career he knocked out 32 opponents, including the highly regarded Billy Arnold, and people were beginning to liken him to Ketchel and Dempsey. By 1946 he was a world title

The holder at that time was the formidable Tony Zale who had been champion since 1940, though war service had meant several years of inactivity. Zale took Graziano's chall- Reuben Shank. enge seriously, fighting six warm-up bouts, all of which he won by knockouts. Citaziano certainiy fairhad him at 2-1 on. But at their ferocious encounter at the Yankee Stadium, New York, on September 27, 1946, Zale came back from a second-round knockdown to punch Rocky off his feet in the sixth.

The two met again in July the following year in the oppressive heat of Chicago Stadium. This time Graziano disposed of Zale in the sixth hammering himself for the first three. It was a bloody affair. Graziano's left eye was split and the right almost closed when his hand was raised, as Zale crumpled against the ropes. Graziano later wrote of the fight: "This was no boxing match. It was a

spell in prison. During his period in war and if there had been no referee

Zale regained the title in 1948 in Newark, New Jersey, knocking his rival cold in the third round. Graziano never returned as a force after that.

Graziano's early hard life and criminal record always spawned rumours that he was involved in fixed fights and bribery. Graziano laughed off such talk, but in 1948 the New York State Athletic Commission took his licence away for failing to report the offer of a bribe to lose against

Graziano tried to make a comeback in 1949 and carried on boxing into the finies. In 1952 he w cied his chances, and the bookmakers out in three rounds by Sugar Ray Robinson, in what was his last challenge for the world title. He had just one more bout after that and retired in 1953, with a record of 67 wins, six draws and 10 losses.

He was able to capitalize on his ring exploits after hanging up his gloves; the film Somebody Up There Likes Me carned him more than \$250,000. He also made a lucrative living as an round, but only after taking a terrific actor, appearing successfully in a hammering himself for the first three. comic role on the Martha Raye show: He was almost certainly the model for the Rocky films of Sylvester Stallone and made the name Rocky fashionable for boxers.

He leaves his widow, Norma, and two daughters.



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#### Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor of West-minster, Councillor David Avery, and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Edna Astley, gave a reception last night at Westminster Council House after his election at the annual council meeting.

#### Service luncheon East Africa Association

The annual meeting and lun-cheon of the East Africa Association was held yesterday at the Royal Horseguards Hotel, Mr G.H. Moody-Stuart, chairman, received the guests and Mr M.H. Reid was the guest speaker.

#### Mr G. Williams A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Gilbert Williams was

Memorial services

held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and the Rev Christopher Dent led the prayers. The Dean of Windsor and Mr John M. Deal paid tribute. Miss Mary Baker Eddy read the Jesson Mr John B. B. lesson, Mr John B. Bennett read from the Christian Science Text Book and Mr John Malyan read Crossing the Bar by Tennyson. Nicholas Ashford

A memorial service for Mr Nicholas Ashford will be held at

St Bride's, Fleet Street, EC4, on Thursday June 7 at noon. All Chelsea Flower Show

### Coconut fibre takes the pressure off peat

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH peat bogs are throughout the country within being threatened by gardners' a few weeks.
and growers' heavy demand Merrist W amounts of the material were renewable resource of good

quality. Two exhibits are concerned

specifically with the use of this material. The display by the Wessex Peat Group, of South Newton, Wiltshire, shows fine-grade composted coconut fibre, imported from Sri Lanka, and a seed and potting compost made from it. The material is produced during the process of obtaining coir fibre from coconut husks and it consists of the shorter fibres and small husk particles. A spokesman for the company said the pure material and the seed and potting compost will

be available as proprietary

products from garden centres

Merrist Wood College of for sphagnum moss peat, large Agriculture and Horticulture. of Worplesdon, Surrey, is used to set up exhibits at the showing the trials which have Chelsea flower show. Some recently been set up to assess exhibitors have, however, come up with an alternative to alternative. Coconut fibre is alternative. Coconut fibre is : peat; they use a fine grade of being used alone and mixed coconut fibre, which is a with other materials including chipped bark, perlite and rockwool, and the results are then compared with all-peat composts. There are no results from the Merrist Wood trials as yet, but the Wessex Peat Group reports 25 per cent more root growth, and more rapid root development, in its

tests on potting composts. Many other ecological ideas are evident at this year's show. Gardening from Which? of London, and Pershore College of Horticulture, Pershore, Worcestershire, are demonstrating the use of a Pheromone or sex attractant as an alternative to pesticides to control codling moth, which is a serious appie trees pest.

Lord Ross, Lord High Commisof the Church of Scotland, and Lady Ross gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyrood-house. Among those present

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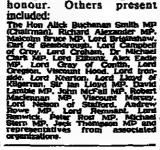
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The Lord Chancellor, accompanied by Lady Mackay of Clashfern, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Two Cities Dining Club held last night at St Stephen's Club. Mr Kenneth Dibben, chairman. presided and the Hon Bernard Jenkin also spoke.

The Rayal Society of St George The Installation Dinner of the City of London Branch was held on Tuesday night at the City Livery Club, Mr John R. Cunningham, the new chair-man, presided and the guest speaker was Mr Richard Meade President of the British Equestrian Federation. Mr Deputy B.L. Morgan and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. Those

Present included:
Mr George Chains (Chief Commoner.
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Michael Gräham, Mr Alderman Brian
Jenkins, Mr Alderman Christopher
Walford, Mr Alderman Bryan Toye,
the President of the City Livery Crub.
the Masters of the Plaisterers' and
Loriners' Companies and their ladies. The Earl of Landerdale

The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies at dinner on Tuesday evening in the House of Lords. H.E. Shaikh Yamani, Chairman, Centre for Globa Energy Studies, was the guest of honour. Others present



Birth The Hon Mrs Dominic Elliot Louis Cohen as chief executive gave birth to a son on Friday, of The Institute of Physics. May 18, 1990.

### Forthcoming marriages

and Mrs K. Alsop, of North-wood, Middleser, and Gaynor Dawn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Bush, of Blackwood,

Marie Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Shechan.

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Farebrother, of Frant, East Sussex, and Mary Lynn, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Housworth, of Tifton, Georgia, USA.

Mr N.G.R. Hewitson and Witts M.L. Blayes the engagement is announced between Nigel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Roy Hewitson, of Barton, Cambridgeshire, and Melanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hayes, of Tauranga, New Zealand. Mr A.C. Jobson

The engagement is announced between Andrew Clifford, youngest son of the Reverend Clifford and Mrs Jobson, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Bridget, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Way, of Guildford,

The engagement is announced between Adrian Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs P.W. Morgan, of The Forge, Ballingham, Herefordshire, and Kirstin Morag Yuill, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.R. Johnson, of Old Orchard, Walton, Wetherby,

Mr D.W.C. Read and Miss N.P. Kennedy The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Read, of Ham Common, Surrey, and Nuala, daughter of Mr and Mrs Des-mond Kennedy, of Bangkok,

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Yorkshire.

bury, are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Cathy Frances Black. of 1 Johnson's Yard, Burley-in-Wharfedale, to Mr Peter Rigg, of Rawdon, Yorkshire.

Mr S.T. Rowe and Miss A.R. Buydett-Smith The engagement is announced between Sebastian, only son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Rowe, of Leeds. Yorkshire, and Ann. second daughter of Dr and Mrs C.B. Burdett-Smith, of Timperlev. Cheshire. Mr C.N. Scott and Miss C.A. Hogg

Mr and Mrs David Scott, of Farnham Common, Bucks, are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest son Christian, to Corrin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Hogg, of Hale, Cheshire. Dr P. Willis and Mrs M. Forter The engagement is announced between Dr Peter Willis, of The

Folly, Stillington, York, and Mrs Monica Foster, of Westow Lodge, York. Mr A.R. Wimble and Miss L.M. Haig The engagement is announced between Andrew Bowring, son of Mr and Mrs John Wimble, of

Truslowe Manor, Avebury.

Wittshire, and Lucinda Mary,

The marriage took place at Fen

Ditton Parish Church, Cam-

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Haig, of Brockstone House, Dunley, Worcestershire. **Marriages** Mr R.J. Seymour and Miss F.L. Jeffery

bridge, on Saturday, May 19, between Mr Richard Seymour and Miss Fiona Jeffery. The Rev The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, was attended by Emma Jeffery and Sally Wray. Mr Stuart Billing was best man. Mr F.C.T. Smith

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 19, 1990, at St George and St Martins, Hanley, Stoke on Trent, between Mr Frank Charles Theodore Smith, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Brian Hall Smith, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Miss Sandie Teresa Foxall, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Foxall, of Hanley.

and Miss S.T. Foxall

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to Cora and David, a daughter, Rebecca Clare.

MEYMAH — On Advent Sunday. December 3rd, to John and Christine. God's gift of a daughter. baptised Gabrialia Felicia Mary.

MELY - On May 17th, at The Portiant Hospital, to Lyon ince Lenton) and Andrew, a son. Oliver James.

MEMOROGE — On May 11th, at

22nd. Gister Thereas (Pacher) of Essen District Hospital, aged 53 years, of the Convent of the Secred Hearts, Enson, Requiem for 35 I sent Church, Esson, at 10 am on Thurs-day May Stat. Inflowed by burial at Epsom Cemetery. WHITFIELD - On May 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Irene this Cloth and Clovis, a daughter, Chica.

White on May 13th, to Pentine (nic Bener) and Peter, a daughter, Sophie Prenous. TIPPING - On May 23rd, in Peril. Western Australia. Marjorie (Pay), formerly of Churcht Farm. Crawsford. Suffolk. after a loop librase borne with exemplary courage. Betowed with mother and grandmother. She will be sadly missed.

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MEALE - On Nay 21st, at home. Rizzbeth Treby. beloved sister of Agnes. Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Wednesday May 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers only to Essons Funetal Directors. Sherborne. or if desired, donations to charity. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE wolfson - Lady Edith, on her birthday, remembered with love by all her family ON THIS DAY

This illustration of the "phoney war on the home front appeared on the day when the main news headline read "Germans on the Coast" describing the fighting in and around

Boulogne. ARE WE

AT WAR? Man-Power Wasting in Useless Jobs

A tour of London yestreday made it clear that there is at hand in the capital for mobilization or requisitioning under the Government's new powers enormous resources of man-power, materials, premises, and machines. Outside hotels, restaurants, public-houses, cinemas, theatres, and shops stand thousands of able-bodied men, often in uniforms more brilliant, and elaborate than a general's. Some are veterans who wear medals won in the last War, but most of them could probably be found work that would be more useful at this moment than opening motor-car doors for other people or halling taxicabs.

Another "army" of young men staffs the scores of amusement halls dotted about West London. For these resorts that waste time and money, with their pin tables and gambling machines, there would seem to be no place at this time. Yet in the Strand, Leicester Square, Charing Cross Road, Oxford Street and elsewhere there are numbers of them. Coal is an urgent necessity, yet the usual band of "miners" was singing and begging in Oxford Street yesterday, and by the Irving statue in Charing Cross Road the usual tout offered packets centaining a watch and a 10s note for a shilling. Could not these touts, and there are many of them, he made to do something more useful, or at least

HARGERAVES - On May 17th, peacefully in her sleep, Catherine (née Ferguson), Donalions to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. Birth mel Death polices essy be experied over the telephone. ABRES - On May 21st peace-fully at home, Alan James, greatly loved husband of Ceida, father of Charlotte Bruce. Sarah Grant and Mary James, grandfather of Mellinda and Stephen Grant and stephenter of Charlotte, John and Georgie Parry-Crooke. Funeral private, For publication the following day

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be prevented from wasting the time of the crowds they collect and the shillings of the foolish? Dozens of "huxury shops" have gone out of business, but the wide range of expensive clothes, hats, furs, jewels, and knick-knacks of all kinds still on view throughout the West End makes something of a mockery of the call to sacrifice and the need for thrift ... In the big London stores there are thousands of young men and women assistants, few of whom seemed to be busy yesterday and many of whom could easily be put on to more productive work. As for bus conductors, many of these are older men and as one of them put it, Rushing up and down stairs collecting fares during the rush hours and trying to keep up with the time schedule would be too much for most

In London last night there were at least seven greyhound racing meetings which drew big crowds and diverted effort and money from the more serious business of the moment. Race meetings too are still being run with their non-productive demands on services of many workers and on railway and road transport. Bottle parties occupy the time of many who could today be doing useful work, and probably leave some who are working hard less fitted for the tasks before

As for building, there is rising in Curzon Street a big building, in the making of which large supplies of steel and bricks are being used. This building is intended to provide new shops, offices, and showrooms. Yet a few yards across the street there are many empty offices to let and not far away many shops and showrooms.
All over West London there are empty premises and this is creating for owners and local authorities a problem which is likely to grow.

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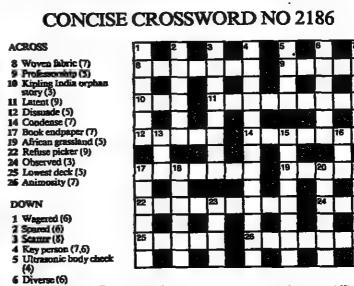
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# When using one's loaf can help the problem drinker

reports suggesting that British drinkers, who eat more bread than Australians, are in consequence less likely to suffer brain impairment. Dr Jean Lennane, an Australian doctor interested in alcohol-related medical problems, bases this claim on the damage which can be done to the intellect by deficiency of thiamine, Vitamin B1. Bread, particularly wholemeal, is a rich source of thiamine. Heavy drinkers, bread eaters or not. suffer from thiamine deficiency for several complex reasons; absorption of the vitamin through the small intestine is reduced even if their diet is vitaminrich. The cause of this is unknown, although overactive guts are one factor. Even after thiamine has been absorbed into the system, an alcohol-damaged liver is unable to utilize it efficiently.

Dr Lennane claims that she has found signs of intellectual impairment in hard-drinking politicians and company directors more often than in other professions. The symptoms, known as Wernicke's encephalopathy or, if they are irreversible, Korsakoff's psychosis, are well charted because they stem from damage to a very small, circumscribed portion of the brain. The patients suffer absolute loss of recent memory, a deficiency which they compensate for by filling the memory gap with imag-ined experiences; fortunately for them it is also associated with a mild euphoria.

Dr Lennane describes the forgetful businessman who loses his ability to plan ahead, who becomes confused and inflexible, with a reluctance to acquire new skills, as having the signs of thiamine deficiency. Many doctors would feel that they were suffering from a generalized loss of brain structure due to overall malnutrition or multiple

illers will rejoice at recent small strokes. Brain scans show that these people have widespread brain shrinkage, with the frontal cortex being particularly badly affected. As Dr Lennane expresses it: "The company director is only able to survive because men have secretaries to act as their

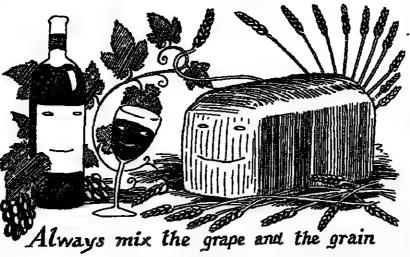
> Heavy drinkers may suffer from a wide variety of other Vitamin B group deficiencies as well as lack of thiamine. They are often short of Vitamin B6. pyridoxine, the vitamin famed for its use in the treatment of pre-menstrual tension, and nicotinic acid. Intake of vitamins A, C and D is adversely affected by high alcohol intake: 44 per cent of alcoholics are short of Vitamin A, 36 per cent of Vitamin C, and Vitamin D levels are almost always universally low. Intestinal malabsorption and pancreatic disease exacerbate any dietary deficiency but the most important cause is that, since alcohol is energy rich, it is often used to replace more nutritious foods - particularly if the general lifestyle becomes confused.

> Brain damage to heavy drinkers occurs for reasons other than malnutrition. After heavy drinking on an empty stomach, the blood-sugar level may fall to a point where the brain is poorly nourished and damage occurs. If this is repeated too often the damage may become permanent, hence the importance of taking food with alcohol.

> The good news is that, with treatment, cerebral function usually improves, and even the changes revealed by scans are partly reversible. All drinkers are well advised to supplement three good meals a day, taken to avoid low blood sugars, with additional vitamins. But they should be careful to avoid excessive iron intake, which might further damage an already

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compromized liver. Given these precautions, it would seem unnecessary to add thiamine to the beer, as has been proposed in Australia.

#### Babies cursed by a lack of love

he life of the average British toddler contrasts sharply with that of the 14,000 Romanian children under the age of six who are now being brought up in orphanages. The orphans, 25 to a ward, about 150 to a unit, are fed for 9p a day. Inevitably, life in the orphanages is Dickensian. The untrained staff are too busy to pick the toddlers up and too starved of cash to keep them free of scabies and rickets. The children never escape from solitary confinement behind cot bars. Feeding time is unemotional and basic, beer bottles are filled with a blended vegetable mush, then a bottle dropped into each cot.

The children, reared without human contact, neither laugh nor cry - they have long since found that their tears will never be answered. They have not learnt to talk, and address all people regardless of sex as "Mama". When western health teams put the children together they stare blankly but warily around them, for unlike normal babies they have no interest in each other, do not touch or prod their cot-mates, let alone play together.

British experts are pessimistic about

prived in their early years. In the experience of Dr Barry Lewis, a consultant paediatrician, previously deprived children who are later well cared for may lose their distinctive withdrawn, suspicious expression but will never learn either to accept or give love as spontaneously as other people, and as they grow older may well develop aggressive characteristics. Physically the prescription of tender loving care produces an immediate growth spurt. but it is Dr Lewis's impression that. once stunted, a deprived child never fully catches up either physically or

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eorge London, the Wagnerian J singer, said that a performer's voice was his capital, "When I sing properly I only use the interest on my voice and keep the capital intact, when I force my voice I am spending the capital." The last election campaign provided a good contrast between the opposing speaking styles of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock. Mrs Thatcher, it is rumoured, spent one and a half hours getting the right intonation into her voice for a particularly important phrase. On the other hand, Mr Kinnock squandered his capital as he toured the country and became vocally bankrupt before polling day so that he was forced to attend the voice clinic at the Middlesex Hospital.

the long-term outlook for children who are emotionally and physically delast week the first private voice clinic was opened at the Harley Street Clinic. It will, like its Health Service counterparts, provide a comprehensive diagnostic and treatment service. Modern equipment allows the larynx to be examined without an anaesthetic, and the patients as well as the doctors are able to view the laryngeal chords on a coloured television screen. Direct laryngoscopy allows a pa-

tient's symptoms - whether loss of range, hoarseness, problems with voice control, throat pain or discomfort, or even excessive voice tiredness - to be immediately diagnosed. Any patient whose hoarseness persists for more than three weeks despite treatment always needs urgent investigation to exclude the possibility of serious disease. But if the troubles stem only from misuse of the voice, or from faulty breathing speech therapy can be instituted. Ear, nose and throat surgeons emphasize that aspirin gargles, or even large doses of aspirin by mouth, should not be used to treat laryngitis. Aspirin encourages bleeding into the vocal chords.

Medical students are taught to remember that chronic laryngitis traditionally attacks the boxer, the barrowboy and the barman. The boxer because his nose has been flattened and his nasal passages and sinuses blocked; the barrow-boy because he is always shouting: the barman because his vocal chords are subjected to tobacco smoke and bathed in the fumes of alcoholic drinks. A politician's life can, and often does, combine the risk of both the barrow-boy and barman but now any aspiring Prime Ministers can watch their vocal chords in action and thereby learn to speak without torturing them.

#### **BREATHING SPACE: Lawrie Smith**

I DON'T normally dream, but I dreamed a lot during the Whitbread Round the World race because as skipper I was never fully unconscious. We had four-hour watches on Rothmans, and by the time you had got all your gear off, eaten, taken an hour to get to sleep, and been woken up 15 minutes before your next watch was due, you'd be lucky to have had two hours.

By the time you have been out there a week it gets so you can't feel your toes and people with rheumatism start to suffer. There's nothing you can do, you just put up with it.

We had lots of stuff on from that. So long as you all board to protect our skin from the weather, that's essential. All the boats were given free face cream, shampoos and stuff for the lips. You had to so it was an ideal opportunity layer that on and wear sun-glasses and a bat otherwise the drink and give their livers a heat, particularly in the south- rest. Eleven out of the 16 ern ocean, would make you smoked, though. We managed keel over. When it gets cold to get through at least a packet again, you wear man-made cach a day. fibre clothes, not cotton, permanently damp and there you just add boiling water.

was only a cold salt water shower so you stayed away

The most important thing was we didn't take any booze.

smell it doesn't matter.

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Which is healthier, the apple or the orange?

We had those special drinks which were full of carbohydrates for energy, and minerals, but I didn't miss anything in particular. I have no favourite food, although occasionally I felt like a beer. For four or five months before the race we spent five days a week running four miles in the morning, then we went to a police gym to climb ropes and do circuit training

or to a Nautilus centre to pump iron, and we would end up on the playing field with a football. I never do any exercise normally, I have to have a reason because I'm lazy and you have to be fairly disciplined. I play a bit of squash, that's all. The biggest problem on the boat was three or four weeks doing nothing. Some of the crew did press-ups or situps, but I didn't do much.

I don't do anything special to relax. I suppose I am pretty healthy, although I'm a bit tired. I've never had anything seriously wrong with me. I had The food wasn't great, it was a broken nose once because because that absorbs water all freeze-dried because of the someone hit me - I never got

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Will long-term tests on tamoxifen back

up claims that it

could prevent

breast cancer?

Ann Kent reports

housands of women will be given the chance of avoiding the three curses of ageing - breast cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis, the bone-thinning disease. They will be invited to participate in a controversial trial, taking a potent anticancer drug every day for at

least five years. The women will also be offered a powerful carrot in the form of regular and thorough medicals, which will include tests of blood fats and breast and ovarian cancers.

Four hundred British women considered at high risk of developing breast cancer have already taken part in a pilot study to ensure that the drug, tamoxifen, has no untoward side-effects when taken by healthy women. They will be joined by 5,000 other high-risk women over the next year or so, after the project has been approved by the United Kingdom Coordinating Committee for

Cancer Research. Because the pilot study, run from London's Royal Marsden Hospital, shows that the anti-cancer drug lowers blood cholesterol, there are plans to extend the trial to a further 25,000 women who have a low risk of breast cancer. It will aim to establish if tamoxifen provides protec-tion against heart disease as well as breast cancer. If, as also seems to be the case, the drug prevents the thinning of the bones that begins soon after menopause, then participants may have the bonus of avoid-

ng osteoporosis. The potential benefits of this trial are high. The lifetime risks of getting breast cancer are one in 12, of coronary heart disease one in four, and of osteoporosis at least one in four.

There is no solid evidence that tamoxifen will reduce these risks. The trial is based on a scientific hypothesis and strong evidence that tamoxifen leads to a 20 per cent reduction in mortality by



Human guinea-pig: Iris Wright is taking part in the long-term tamoxifen testing

women who have already been treated with the drug for breast cancer. Those involved in the trial hope that, taken over a longer period, tamoxifen may reduce the incidence of breast cancer by a third to a half

Tamoxifen mimics the action of the natural female hormone, oestrogen, in some parts of the body, while blocking it in others. By acting as a weak oestrogen substitute, it is said to reduce blood cholesterol and strengthen bone. However, oestrogen is also known to promote the growth of breast tumours; by blocking oestrogenic activity in the breast tissues, tamoxifen is thought to prevent the growth

of cancers. Tamoxifen was originally intended as a contraceptive

preventing new tumours in pill, but its developers, ICI, 1986, the suggestion caused found that while preventing ovulation in rats, it appeared to encourage it in women. Because of this, and because tamoxifen's effects in pregnancy have not been tested,

only women who are not at risk of pregnancy are selected for the trial. Tamoxifen was launched in 1973 as a breast cancer drug, Nolvadex, but is now out of patent and generic versions are made by at least 22 other companies. Researchers have long suspected that the drug may be as useful in the prevention of breast cancer as in its treatment. However, when Dr Jack Cuzick, the head of the mathematics, statistics and epidemiology department of the Imperial

Cancer Research Fund

The hostile response has been variously ascribed to irritation that a "numbers man" should dabble in a clinical issue, doubts over the ethics of giving a potent drug to healthy women, and anger that Dr Cuzick had jumped the gun by publicizing an idea that a number of other doctors had on the drawing board. However, Dr Trevor Powles, of the Royal Marsden,

decided to go ahead with a pilot study "quietly and with-out publicity", recruiting healthy patients, aged 36 to 65, with a strong family history of breast cancer.

The study was temporarily halted in 1987 when experiments with rats suggested an increased risk of liver cancer. (ICRF), first proposed this in There is no evidence that

humans are affected the same way. According to Dr Powles, vast numbers of women have now been treated with tamoxifen worldwide with no signs of primary liver tumours.

Some of his patients have been using tamoxifen for three years, and Dr Powles hopes to have recruited 1,000 women on to the trial by the end of 1992. Half of them, unknown \_ to themselves and their doctors, will be taking dummy

ris Wright, a 49-year-old office temp from Crow- . borough, Sussex, joined the tamoxifen trial last ... November. Mrs Wright's paternal aunt, maternal grand- 😁 mother and two maternal ... aunts have had breast cancer. In the past five years, one of her sisters has died of the disease, while another is under ... treatment after the discovery ... of pre-malignant changes in

"In a sense it was an odd thing for me to do, because I had always refused to take the ... birth pill, and I seldom even take an aspirin," she says. "I was worried at first about ... taking an anti-cancer pill, but now I don't think about it, or ... cancer, much at all. Getting ... these regular check-ups is a tremendous bonus as far as I ... am concerned."

Since starting the tamoxifen there have been no side-effects 👊 that she can ascribe to the ...

Early results of Dr Powles's trial have revealed no major side-effects, although hot flushes, a common symptom .... of women in the age group, were more common. Where these were troublesome, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) was provided. However, some women found the drug reduced their premenstrual tension and headaches.

It is likely to be about seven years after the national trial ... has begun before results are . .

Richard Peto, head of the ICRF Cancer Studies Unit at Oxford, stresses that the potential of tamoxifen should be kept in perspective. "We do have to be careful, because there have been so many things in cancer research which looked as if they would be wonderful, and then turned out not to be quite so wonderful after all. My own hope is that it will reduce heart disease even more than breast cancer. Heart disease kills five

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#### NEW TACTICS TO BEAT KILLERS

The tamoxifen trial heralds an entirely new philosophy, in which cancer is tackled not by prevention or cure, but by interrupting the cancer process. It is an approach that is likely to be extended to other diseases, particularly mental illness, heart disease and arthritis, says Sir Walter Bodmer, president of the Human Genome Organization, the international body coordinating research into drawing up the human gene map. Breast cancer researchers in

Britain are pooling their data on inherited breast cancer to speed up the race to discover the breast cancer gene. Sir Walter believes it is likely to be identified within a few years. The inherited form of the disease represents about 5 per cent of cases, but finding this gene could lead to discoveries about who is susceptible to the more common forms of

he believes that it may soon be possible to identify highrisk individuals whose cholesterol levels are dangerously high, and ensure that they follow special diets. Aspirin is already known to

be effective in preventing a second heart attack. However, taking daily aspirin to prevent heart disease may carry a higher risk of suffering a stroke, and so it is not generally advised. Finding the heart disease gene would identify those men who would benefit from aspirin or other preventive drugs.
Some researchers believe

that a deficiency of beta carotene may lead to the development of certain cancers. However, the deficiency is likely to occur because of faults in the way this particular the nutrient is broken down in the body. Again, if the susceptible groups could be identified, then special dietary advice or food supplements Similarly, with heart disease could be offered.

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# Over-top game of unhappy families

WE MEET them first in a sepia photograph taken in the early 1930s — Florence doing her crochet, sitting between her daughter Kitty and her granddaughter Joanna. They are exiled from their minimal manadian the high here. privileged paradise, the big house in Jersey with its magical garden full of wisteria and cineraria, all lost through dead grandfather's gambling debts. Now they live in genteel poverty in Hendon, an outer London suburb, tormented by memories of Eden.

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But that's not the half of it. They are an unholy trinity, fervent in their Catholicism, feverishly devont in their peculiar passions, and linked by bloody umbilical cords. Kitty is tiny, exquisite, capricious, frigid, with white skin and lethal emerald green eyes. Her Antarctic eyes can kill puppies, abort babies (other than her own), and foresee deaths at sea or in war. Her father had taught her that beauty and breeding are the only things that matter, and she destroys the decent men who fall in love with her.

Furthermore, Kitty loathes her daughter Joanna, who is outrageously red-haired, big-footed, clumsy, too tail, and totally unwanted. Granny, who loves them both, calls Kitty "headstrong"; in fact she is an insane child-abuser. Joanna, who tells the tale first, is hospitalized with cracked ribs, a fractured skull, a detached retina. She is attacked in the suburban villa with Kitty's fists, a broken gramophone record, a kitchen knife. For her own safety, she spends much of her time in grim convent schools, where she discovers the "ecstatic euphoria" of falling in love (with other girls, and later with anyone who will devote himself to her), and mentally rewrites the Catholic doc-

trines to explain her own family. Granny, Our Lady of the Sorrows, covers up for monstrous Kitty, comforts Joanna, does her crochet, and mourns her lost grandeur. In Jersey, where Granny

stranger things happen (Mo Johnston, to name but one). The boys

fight noisily for the honour of taking home the school's one

Ritchie, for having the best natu-

George Wilson's dad doesn't

hears the name of the bandmaster.

He and Mr Bennett are in the

same Lodge. So a couple of words

are exchanged, and a telling handshake. Now look who's tak-

ing home the flutel Not that Brian

minds. His mum's already put her

foot down: "Salvation Army's one

thing. Orange Walk's another."

Eddie Logan couldn't care less.

His Da's a moothic man, and

Eddie's already decided to take up

the snare drum. As for Tam Rac,

he's used to waiting.
It's the early 1960s, and the boys

are in their last term at Primary.

Their class teacher, Mrs Kirk,

encourages Tam and Brian to raise

their sights - a bursary at the High School can lead to Highers and University. Life in the fast lane.

For George and Eddie, however, it's Junior Secondary just across

the road. The pattern is set, and we watch it unfold over 20 years

against a largely tartan backdrop,

with excursions to Northern Ire-

land and the US. The boys drift in

and out of each other's lives,

founder members of the Forever

Young generation. Forever Young

rel embouchure.

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Victoria Glendinning reviews a steamy story of three female generations,

Catholicism, and mad child abuse was uncrowned queen of the island, she had eight smartly dressed, doting members of indoor staff". Now she has un-

soon as they rumble Kitty, and has to shop in places where the assistants do not even know her. Granny and Kitty also tell their stories and put their point of view. Their monologues go some way

satisfactory skivvies who leave as

**JOANNA** By Lisa St Anbin de Terán Virago, £12.95

towards explaining why Kitty hates her daughter - revealing the loss of her first love in the Great War, her sexual traumas, and the special significance for this family of green eyes, red hair, body size, plus a whole intricate web of genetic traits and strange recurrences. But Kitty remains obscure. Is she, as her mother believes, just a beautiful flower transplanted into inhospitable soil? Or a psychological casualty of war and social change? Or is she the devil?

The novel is a rich mixture of horror, luxurious descriptions of gardens, bodies and clothes, sociological detail, and the supernatural. Kitty ends up raving in an asylum, and Joanna, after an emotional trajectory different but hardly less brid than her mother's "Sex became my family, my country" — contracts cancer, from which Granny also dies. No happy

endings here, although it is sug-gested, not convincingly, that Joanna loves her own children.

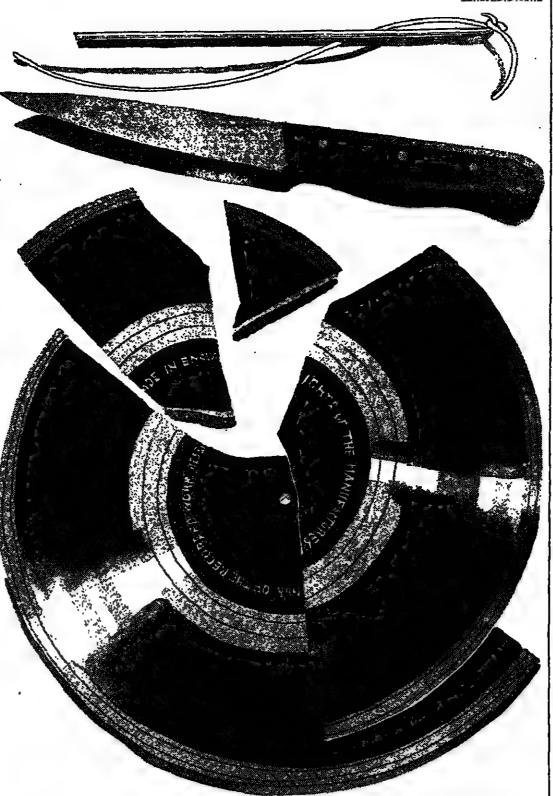
It's hard to know how significant it is that Kitty, the mad childabuser, attributes her problems to boredom. "Boredom is a disease. It is one of the most dangerous conditions in the world. Those who have never suffered from it cannot understand its gravity." The novel is not boring. It is

written with unflagging verve and fluency. But it doesn't add up.

There is a price to pay for all the hysteria and wisteria. The overegging of the writing thins rather than thickens the plot. There is a carefree sloppiness. The author seems to think that camellias bloom in this country in June, that Napoleon III was Bonaparte's son. and that Dickens's novels were appearing in instalments in 1889. I do not believe that aristocratic Granny, born in 1869, would use the world "skiving"; and one sentence, about Granny shielding her daughter from the consequences of her violence, surely means the opposite of what was intended: "I know one cannot buy sanity, but one can buy the privacy that keeps its presence hidden from the law."

The proliferating pile-upa of imagery are not always well found: "Shame shaves away one's friends like unwanted hair" suggests that the friends were considered superfluous, which wasn't so. Joanna describes her best friend at school as having "carmine lips" which "curved into a natural kiss and left a dimple with gossamer down that could catch shadows and play with them like a pale kaleidoscope". She describes her own hair as "red with the redness of cherry brandy and the added, darker but still natural sheen of conkers burst from their spiked cases," which sounds like advertising copy for a henna rinse. The whole thing goes over the top. In war, and in writing, that's a gallant if hairily dangerous way to go.

and later attracts Special Branch.



# Get thee to a nunnery

attention, thanks to his Irish connections. The flip-side of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll was THIS FIRST novel, by a writer of sharp short stories around sisterhood, is in the fashionable modern mode, popularized by Peter Ackroyd, of past pastiche interacting eerily with the present. In this case the main characters are nuss of the calamitous 10th century in the north of England, and a contemporary teaching nun at a convent school in somewhere that feels like Liverpool. The connection between them is a secret painting hidden beneath centuries of varnish on the altarniece of the modern convent. When the panel is cleaned, behind the picture of aged St Polycarp, founder of the order, pointing at his breast where the spear went in, there gradually

> of a monk, a nun, a child, and a small tower. What can they mean? Not a lot for our comfort, is the answer, as we plunge backwards into the horrors of life, particularly for women, more than 10 centuries ago: perpetual cold, hunger,

FIRST NOVEL

Philip Howard

THE FADING SHRINE By May McCrory Cape, £12.95

male chauvinism even from monks, pregnancy, letters outside monasteries; and, which is worst of all, continual fear and danger of death, if you are unlucky, by immuration. This is outside my field, but I was thoroughly persuaded by the tech-nology of Dark Age painting and of herbalist abortion. It is not a book for the squeamish. The Mother Superior heroine sacrifices her virginity brutally to punish her spiritual pride in her unblemished body; the schoolgirl pupil of the modern nun (who was

historian) is battered by her good Papist father.
Just occasionally, when Sister

in the management and the problem is the contract of the contr

Scolastica gets up to her potions, it feels a bit like Carry on Up the Convent, without the terrible jokes. It is ambitious in its techniques, for example trying to reproduce in language the delir-ium of sickness or of religious ecstasy. The book has been selected for the top twenty for the right too. Apart from that, it has interesting things to say about the wars of the sexes, the difficulties of love, the importance of teaching, and the hard lives and times of women. One moral seems to be: try to avoid being born female; but if you fail in this, whatever you do, don't opt out of life by taking the veil. This is all wrapped around a mystery from the deep past, which the reader is partly left to solve for berself or himself. A feminist *The* Name of the Rose this ain't quite; but an exciting first effort.

### Dr Jekyll, I presume

HISTORICALS Philippa Toomey

> MARY REILLY By Valerie Martin Doubleday, £12.95

NO ONE notices the scars on the hands and neck on the under-housemaid. Why should they? In a household of six servants she ranks very low, happy to work in a congenial household. Her em-ployer is a rich bachelor doctor. He notices the scars, and asks her to write what he knows she cannot bring herself to speak about. She has been cruelly abused as a child by her drunken father. Her kind master asks whether her father was two men, one sober and another drunk. Looking back, she agrees with him. Here we discover that the kindly doctor is Dr Jekyll,

the well-known physician.
There is a fascination in wellknown stories retold by a minor character - for example, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern's view of Hamlet by Tom Stoppard, and Dr Rochester's mad wife portrayed by Jean Rhys in Wide Sargasso Sea. Mary Reilly, the under-housemaid, instinctively hates and fears Edward Hyde, the new assistant to Dr Jekyll. This is an ingenious story, hung on the peg of a weeping housemaid mentioned in Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel. It gives a vivid impression of the well-to-do London of Dr Jekyll, and the stinking slums of Shoreditch.

Meridon, by Philippa Gregory (Viking, £13.99). This is the third in a series following Wideacre and The Favoured Child, in which Sarah Lacey, given to the gypsies as a child by her frantic mother, is now called Meridon, and meets Dandy, the girl she calls aister, to rise in a circus, and learn to fly the high wire. Even in the 18th century there are fatal consequences when sex raises its ugly head, and Meridon flees, finding by chance the estate to which she is heir. The book is melodramatic without humour.

◆ Theo and Matilda, by Rachel Billington (Macmillan, £13.95). Theo and Matilda pursue each other down the arches of the years, sometimes as a monk and great lady (around 770), and again in 1540. In 1880 they are married with a large family, and a large income dissipated by Theo's extravagance. In 1980 they are in a psychiatric ward. A black humour enlivens this novel of reincaroation

● Leading Lady, by Jane Aitken Hodge (Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95). Sequel to First Night: Lissenberg, a small mountain principality, lacks its prince, and the democratic American Princess Martha finds her subjects rebellious and threatening. Love, war and opera are the themes. It ends happily to extracts from Beethoven's new opera, Regulus.

◆ Anne, by Cynthia Harrod-Ea-gles (Sidgwick & Jackson, £13.95). Sacked by an odious English family, governess Anna Peters finds herself in danger in Paris of 1803, but is rescued and whisked off to Russia by Count Nicolai Kirov. The first in what promises to be a lively series.

#### FOUR ten-year-olds are having their first flute lesson, in a run-Papists, down Catholic primary school. Which is odd, since they are good prods, Proddie boys, already imagining themselves tooting contempt at the Left-fitters, in the parade band. But this is Glasgow, where tartan instrument. It falls to Brian terrors like to play second fiddle to anyone, but cheers up when he

John Nicholson

THE MAGIC FLUTE By Alan Spence Canongate, £12.95 ABLE BAKER CHARLIE DOG

By Stephanie Vanghan Heinemann, £13.95 LEE'S GHOST



By Petronella Pulsford Constable, £11.95

by a crude terrorist bobby trap in Belfast, a squaddie undone by a couple of colleens and two pints too many.

George's brother Malcolm becomes a leading student activist,

paranoia, and Alan Spence writes like a man who was there. Supporting characters in The Magic Fluts — Tam's psychedelic American wife Ruby, Paki the Dealer, and Bird the Sax Man narrowly avoid being stereotypes, and the book's structure is only just robust enough to prevent any of the strands breaking away. But the whole reflects the brittle, strung-out spirit of the times to perfection. This is a formidable first novel from one of Scotland's most accomplished literary talents. Stephanie Vaughan is another writer of extraordinary talent. Able Baker Charlie Dog is a collection of short stories, linked by a narrator, Gemma Jackson, a young American woman whose emerges what looks like a picture background has left her rootless and footloose. Gemma's father was a professional soldier, a

logistics officer in strategic outposts for America's Early Warning System. His work was secret, never discussed. But he was a reading man, who spoke to his daughter about the rotation of crops or the Defenestration of Prague, where other fathers might talk about the Yankees. As his oldest child, she learnt how to gut a dove the European way, plant tomatoes, load a shotgun, as well as how to play Parcheesi, checkers, and cribbage.

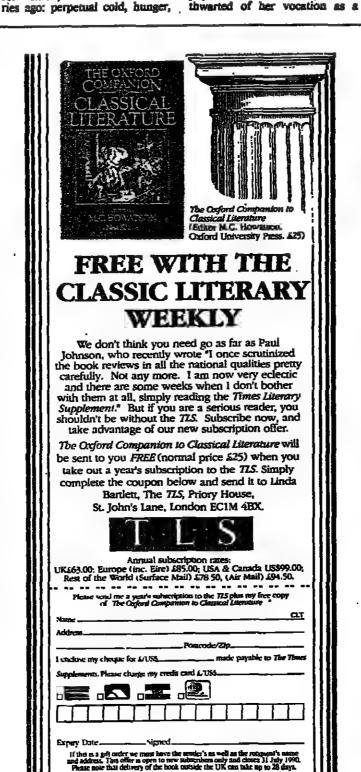
Like most American short story writers of her generation, Miss Vaughan shows the influence of Raymond Carver. Her stories are simple - fragments of childhood recollection mixed with raw slices of suburban life - their tone downbeat, slightly off-centre. Car crashes (trivial), cancer (serious though not necessarily fatal), a family dog that refuses to be given away, a man torn between two wives, a barassed mother who finds solace rolling in the snow. Not phoney tales of arms and the man, but vivid despatches from the front where the real fighting takes place.

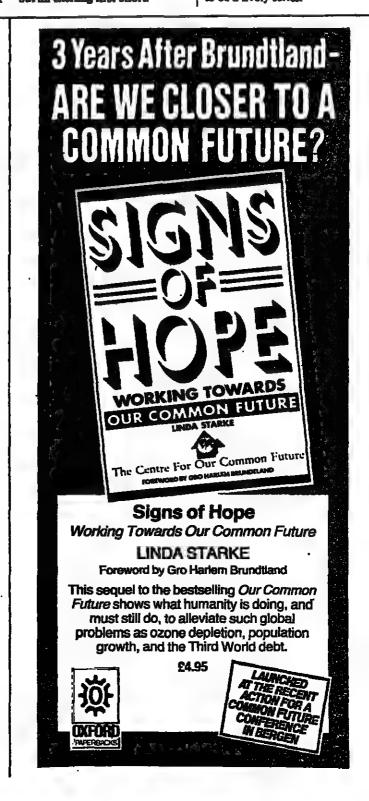
Reality is more elusive for the tormented heroine of Lee's Ghost. She lives with her cat Hosanna in a house by the sea, haunted by memories of her sailor lover. The memories she could live with, but Lee develops a conviction that Gabriel has returned. She keeps seeing him around the house, fixing curtains, sitting at her typewriter, stark naked. She can see him, but her friends don't. They are a bohemian crowd addicted to affectation and astrology, sexually ambivalent, but tolerant of Lee's little idiosyncrasies.

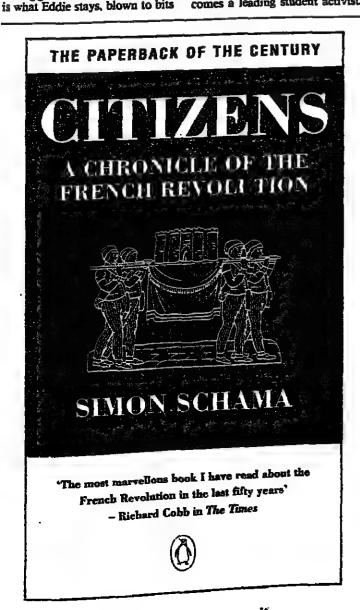
The plot thickens, and Lee sickens, but all's well in the end. Petronella Pulsford is an actress turned writer. Her style is distinctly theatrical, a hybrid of Gothic and rococo, but the book she has created is both effective and original. I look forward to seeing what she can accomplish with a story less obviously derived from personal tragedy.

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# How Greene was my staging?

The stage version of Graham Greene's novel The Power and the Glory is being revived at Chichester. Denis Cannan, who made the adaptation, recalls his long correspondence with the author

he date was December, to you. In several cases I went 1953. "Do write to me at the Majestic Hotel, Saigon, and say in general how you feel about the suggestions," wrote Graham Greene. He must then have been preparing The Quiet American, but he found time to comment in minute detail on the umpteenth draft of the stage version of his novel The Power and the Glory, on which we had already worked for over two years. Our meetings were sporadic, because he was always off to somewhere mysterious or just back from somewhere in the news (I look forward to learning from the second volume of Norman Sherry's biography what he was up to in those absences). far as this!

Greene had none of the condescension that some novelists show towards the theatre. He had already written the screenplays of Brighton Rock, The Fallen Idal and The Third Man, and his own first play The Living Room had been produced. His letters to me reveal that he had an old pro's sense of what would and would not work with an audience:

The priest has drunk wine and I wonder whether Maria should give him an onion or something to remove the smell of the wine and whether the Licutenant should smell the mouths of the peasants, but that's probably impossible to do on the stage without laughter. I won't press that point ... If the consecration has taken place the priest would have to eat all the bread quickly himself, which would hardly be other than gro-

tesque on the stage." But he was firm when he felt

subtleties had been lost: You may have been puzzled by some of my small changes in the dialogue in the scenes I gave back

back to the dialogue of the book because I felt that in order to make the meaning clear to the audience you had sometimes lost the dramatic mystical flash. A religious idea is often a paradoxical one and I don't feel that one wants to smooth out the paradox too much. I remember an awful Jesuit once giving a long sermon in Farm Street to explain away the statement about there being more rejoicing in heaven over one

sinner being penitent than over 99 just men. By the time the priest had finished he had reduced the paradox to a very reasonable statement by the headmaster of a public school. I don't, of course, mean that in any place you went as Reading his letters now I marvel

at his patience. I feel I ought to have done more homework to make up for the defects of the confirmation classes that had been my only religious instruction. To quote a few of his 24 notes on an early draft:

The priest's sentence beginning 'To think there are people' This seems to me awfully

parsonical and Anglican ... "Same scene, page 20. No Catholic priest would (a) quote the Bible in the Protestant version, (b) quote it at all, probably, in English, and I doubt he would have quoted this passage in any

Same scene, I think you are a little muddled from the theologipoint of view about the married priests. They don't cease to be priests because they marry. They simply cease to have the faculties for acting as priests . . . I don't like the priest's claim, even in its qualified form, to love his

"Page 21, last speech. I notice that I have marked this with a cross, but at the moment I can't remember what my objection is!

You might look at it." The four pages end, as always, with perfect courtesy, "I hope you won't mind my picking all these small holes, and I very much look forward to seeing you and talking again." The time came when I was: asked only to "Look charitably through mainly tiny cuts that I propose in the script." In 1956 we went into production, with Peter Brook directing.

In those days every play had to be sent to The Lord Chamberlain for censoring. He had his office in St James's Palace, and if one wanted to contest his decisions one had to pass between armed sentries to be patronized by exquisite guardees who paid for their incomparable tailoring by skimming plays for improprieties. Back came the verdict: we were not allowed to show the celebration of the Mass, on the stage on the grounds that this would be offensive to Roman Catholics.

Greene went straight to the Jesuits. A compromise reached: we could show the Mass on stage if it was supervised at rehearsals by someone approved by the Cardinal. Father Caraman of Farm Street was chosen. As he had prepared Edith Sitwell for reception into the Catholic church he was quite used to a theatrical atmosphere. He rehearsed Paul Scofield to the last crook of a

finger. We opened in Brighton, After sharpy the first performance, a shaggy person rather the worse for liquor barged through the stage door shouting "Wrong! They've got it wrong!" Indeed we had. A small fault in detail had escaped even



Graham Greene: his notes to Denis Cannan revealed that he had "an old pro's sense of what would work with an audience"

Father Caraman. It was spotted from the audience by Gilbert Harding. When I tell this story now, no one knows who Gilbert

The Power and the Glory was published 50 years ago. It looks as

though that whisky priest will outlast the lot of us.

Denis Cannan's adaptation of The Power and the Giory is now playing at the Chichester Festival Theatre

#### CRITICS' CHOICE: LITERATURE

THREE NEW VOICES: Alan Dunnett recently directed Gas Light at the Nottinghamshire Theatre Royal and has published his first collection in the Savage Gap. New Zealander John Gallas works with the Laicester Disaffected People Programme and Liz Smith is a member of the editorial board of Other Poetry. All three reading from their own work. Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire (0602 255168), tonight, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50).

HAY-ON-WYE LITERATURE FESTIVAL: Leslie Norris, David Gascoyne and Nine Cassian: A reading and seminar by two of Britain's more senior poets, and the brilliant dissident Romanian, Cassian (Sun, Parish Hall, midday). Nigel Jenkins. Glyn Maxwell and Jeremy Reed: Reed is a talented and up-and-coming star of the British poetry establishment who archetypal 19th-century romantic literary figure, which can become overbearing. Difficult to like and hard to gnore. In interesting company (Sun, Parish Hall, 6pm). John Pilger, Christopher Hope and Li Lu: Li Lu, a Trananmen Square student leader and on China's 21 "most wanted" list, launches his book Moving the Mountain and discusses a world on the edge with Moscow, Moscow author, Hope, and the uncompromising journalist, John Pilger (Mon, Festival Theatre, 3.30pm). usto Jorge Padron, Menna Elfyn. Gabriel Rosenstock and Anthony Howell: Padron won the European Prize for Literature in 1988. Howell is a fine poet and writer/director for the "Ting Theatre of Mistakes". They are oined by Welsh-speaking Elfyn and the rish Gaelic writer Rosenstock in this session of border country poetry (Mon, Pansh Hall, 6pm). Festival continues until June 4. Further information and ticket prices: Festival Box Office, Hay-

on-Wye (0497 821299). ROBERT COOVER AND ALASDAIR GRAY: Gray, prominent in what is being promoted as a new wave of tish writers, has his novel Something Leather just published. He joins Coover from the USA, one of the most brilliant and highly influential prose stylists of the last 20 years,

giving a rare reading. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (07:1-223 2223), Fri, 8.15pm, £3 (£2).

POETRY LIVE 90: Benjamin Zephanish, SuAndi and Pauline Omoboye: Dub poet and author of Pen Rhythm and Draed Affair, Zephaniah has a strong following for his energetic and frequent performances. Completing a strongly diverse programme is Omoboye, a member of

Blackscribe, and SuAndi who has worked with Extemporary Dance Company and Temba Theatre, Harlequin Theatre, Queen Street, Northwich (0506 41597), tonight,

7.45pm, £3 (£2). ROY HUTCHINS: "Whale Nation" by Heathcole Williams. The monster smash eco poem of our times, brought powerfully to the stage. Victoria Community Centre. West Street, Crewe (0270 211422), Fri,

7.30pm, £2 (£1.50). NINA CASSIAN, CAROL ANN DUFFY and LIZ LOCHHEAD: Three poets who between them make up this year's collection, with Cassian taking pride of place. Go and hear.

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gathering of poets whose work is often at its strongest in performance: Elean Thomas (from Jamaica), Freddy Macha (from Tanzania), Titus Moetsabi (from Zimbabwe), Pitika Ntuli (from Azenia) with the Highlife trio Covent Garden Community Centre,

46 Earlham Street, London WC2 (071-890 9368), Fri, 8pm, £3.50 (£2.50). STAN TREVOR: Hard-hitting author of Guerrilla launches a new edition of his collection Hard Bones and performs these texts with the help of Isabella McEwen and Bob Cobbing. Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 (071-267 2751),

JENI COUZYN: Editor of the Book of Contemporary Women Poets (Bloodaxe) and her own collection Life by Drowning, The Happiness Bird. The Blue Nose Café, 78 Mountgrov Road, London N5 (071-354 3655), Tues, 7.45pm, £3 (£2).

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# On such a knight

Susan Ellicott reports a US theatrical first: a woman playing Sir John Falstaff

Pat Carroll has no pretensions about her looks, as she explains her suitability to play Sir John Falstaff, Shake-speare's blustering knight. "I look like a baby's bottom," she says. "It's true," agrees Michael Kahn, her director. "You look like an advert for baby food." The two

break into guilaws. Cross-dressing has been a popular theatrical device from Shakespeare's time, when boys played young women, to the portrayal of Hamlet in the last century by Sarah Bernhardt and in recent years by Frances de la Tour. But Falstaff? The fat knight described as a "gross, watery pumpkin". Prince Hal's sidekick in parts one and two of Henry IV, the prepos-

terous rogue?

Carroll, aged 63, is probably one of the few women able to carry off the role. She is also, so far as records show, the first. As the actress points out, she is one of the few to want it. She praises Kahn, of the Folger Theatre in Washington DC, as one of the few artistic directors likely to agree. It took a beard test to convince even him she could carry it off in The Merry Wives of Windsor. Initially, he offered her Mistress Quickly, the bawdy wench who ensures Falstaff is cuckolded in his efforts to seduce the wives of two

"This is the true essence of theatre," Carroll says of her role. Theatre makes us look at things in a different way. It is also about dressing up and pretending to be someone you are not."

If the idea of a woman playing Falstaff is difficult to accept, the fact of Carroll playing him is not. A plump 5ft 3in with bad legs — "I walk like an old coot" — she sinks into a chair with her full weight, just as heavily as her Sir John falls on to a stage tavern bench.

A sigh of air rushes out from beneath her. Using words uncommonly spoken by Americans, such as "corking" and "awfolly", she is naturally hearty, with a husky contralto voice deepened by years of cigarette smoke. The only child of parents who worked in the theatre in Los Angeles, she fell in love with Shakespeare in the early 1960s, during a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. She came to the Bard late in life when asked by Kahn in 1986 to play the nurse in Romeo and Juliet.

The role of Falstaff seemed a logical step for an actress known shows, in television comedy roles and as the voice of a squid in The Little Mermaid, the Walt Disney

studio's recent cartoon film. Sipping ginger ale from a paper cup as she throws a pink sweater to the floor from her shoulders, Carroll laughs her throaty cackle as she recounts the pitfalls of adopting the male mannerisms she had to learn to play the vain

but cowardly knight.

She says: "My kids told me I looked like the bearded lady in the circus." She unnerved men in restaurants by staring at them to learn how they played with their facial hair and moved their bodies. Carroll shed 30lbs on a liquid diet to be able to bear her 15-lb costume up and down the set's stairs and took exercises to control her breathing and diction. How-ever, the hardest part was making the seduction scenes convincing: "It's hard being this randy person with another woman," she says.

But it works, helped by the farcical style of the production, from the moment Carroll swaggers onto the stage wielding a beer mug, even when Falstaff tries unsuccessfully to mount Mistress Ford on a laundry basket.

Some people have asked whether she undertook the role to prove something. "I'm doing this for theatrical reasons, not feminist

reasons," she scoffs.

It is not as if she has any ambitions to try another role. She has played out her fantasy. "This may be it," she says and chuckles.
"I certainly don't want to do Hamlet. I foresee no other man in my future."



Patricia Carroll as Sir John Falstaff with Marilyn Sokol as Mistress Quickly

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# Appalling? Not really

EXTENSIVELY previewed in yesterday's news columns by Alan Hamilton, the latest in Prince Charles's occasional series of "it really is appalling" tele-documentaries was a curious mix of sermon, uneventful travelogue and apocalyptic warning. Invited to contribute to BBC 1's "One World" week of planet-saving (which presumably means that if the ozone layer is not cleared out a, and given a jolly good polish by Saturday we shall all have Esther Rantzen to reckon with), HRH faced production problems.

As heir to the throne, he is - probably allowed to interview anyone he chooses. Might it not therefore have made sense to interrogate the Duke of Edinburgh on his hunting, shooting and fishing policies as applied to Scottish ecology.

Apparently not: The Earth in Balance was to be an infinitely balanced and tactful show, starting with a balanced shot of the globe, overlaid with the reassuringly Royal announcement "This is where we live".

From there, it was off to Hong Kong where, over what looked like offcuts from the last Whicker's World, HRH announced that big was not necessarily beautiful and that progress may not be the same as growth. But this is not an especially revelatory or Thatcherite view. Although the Prince can be understandably smug about the way the world has finally caught up with his ecological awareness, he is still bound by the Constitution to stay out of the politics of an infinitely political situation.

So the splendid anger of his earlier architecture show was replaced here by a kind of Christmas-message blandness, as though his every speech to camera had been softened and qualified by hordes of Palace, Home and Foreign Office advisers. HRH is getting better at the job. What he is doing, for an audience of millions, is precisely what his great-uncle, the last Prince of Wales, did for a few dozen onlookers when he visited the mining villages of Wakes in 1935 and announced that something must be done. The problem here is that Charles himself can't be seen to do it.

The programme the Prince should have been doing last night was the one over on Channel 4 about the architecture of fear in Iraq, where the dictator Saddam. Husain has built himself a victory monument featuring his own arms, 20 metres wide and 40 metres high. Fearing for his life, the critic on the programme did not dare to appear. Charles might, at least, have managed to get the whole appalling thing redesigned.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

CINEMA

# A symphony of grand vision

David Robinson reviews this week's new

films: Dreams, from the veteran master.

Akira Kurosawa, plus Nicolas Roeg's

Witches, Loverboy and King of the Wind

t 80, Akira Kurosawa's mastery of his craft is still unsurpassed. The director of Rashomon, The Seven Samurai and Ran uses complex technology, spectacle, armies of extras, elaborate special effects as effortlessly and subtly as if he were handling a fine paint brush. In everything he does, there is the grand simplicity

His autobiography, called Something Like An Autobiography, is written as plainly as a tale for children; but teaches more about living, dying and artistic creation than any more pretentious work. Always a devotee of Western

literature, Kurosawa has adapted authors as varied as Shakespeare. Dostoevsky, Gorky and Ed McBain. It is not clear if he has ever read Dickens; but Dreams (PG, Lumiere, Gate Notting Hill, Screen-on-the-Hill) has very much the character of A Christmas Carol - only in eight staves instead of five.

Like Scrooge, the "I" who dreams these dreams is shown visions of Past, Present and Future, and of ways in which life can be better lived.

The first two dreams are light and pretty, with the quality of ballet spectacle. For the first, Kurosawa's own childhood home is recreated; and a little boy witnesses the Wedding of the Foxes which, according to legend, happens when rain and sunshine come together. The second dream is also a child's: dolls come to life to reproach the boy's family for cutting down a peach orchard. The next two dreams, variations

on the theme of death, take the film into a dark second movement (Kurosawa has written: "A good structure for a screenplay is that of a symphony, with its three or four movements and differing tempi"). "The Blizzard" is a nightmare

of men lost in a snowstorm and visited by an angel of death. In "The Tunnel" - the film's most haunting episode — a soldier en-counters the ghosts of his fallen comrades from the Second World War, who plead for reassurance that they are still alive.

Returning to a lighter mood, "The Crows" illustrates a passage in Kurosawa's autobiography: After looking at a monograph on Cézanne, I would step outside and the houses, streets and trees - everything - looked like a Cezanne painting. The same thing would happen when I looked at a book of Van Gogh's paintings or Utrillo's paintings..." The dreaming "I", gazing at Van Gogh's paintings in an exhibition, finds himself entering the pictures, and meeting the artist himself. The magic is only slightly impaired by the unexpected appear ance of Martin Scorsese, with his New York aspect and accent, as

The next two-dream movement is Kurosawa's Apocalypse. Mount Fuji in Red" is a vision of Tokyo devastated by nuclear catastrophe. "The Weeping Ogre" could be Marley's Ghost, doing posthumous penance for the greed of his life in a valley peopled by a hundred spectral ogres, who in life were government officials or millionaires. Just as in Dickens, "The air was filled with phantoms. wandering hither and thither in restless haste, and moaning as they went . . . some few (they might be guilty governments) were linked together.

hese two episodes are the least convincing. stray from the authentic surreality of dream into

The coda, "Village of the Watermills", is Kurosawa's "Ghost of Christmas Past" romantic, sentimental, nostalgic bewitching. "I" dreams himself into an idyllic village, where he meets a happy centenarian (85-year-old Chishu Ryn, who has played some of the most memo-rable roles in Japanese classic cinema). The old man shows him what the race has sacrificed in losing its links with nature.

The sequence ends the film with a funeral procession, made up of many familiar faces from pest Kurosawa films, and giving the departed a positively merry sendoff to the next world. The choice of musical accompaniment, Ippolitov-lvanov's "In the Village", from Caucasian Sketches, is as correct as it is unexpected.

Dreams is an experience rather than a film. Kurosawa's freshness and assurance remain astonishing — the handling of vast crowds and massive spectacle; the contrasting moments of intimacy; the boldness and virtuosity of shooting a 17-minute sequence ("The Tunnel") or a 9-minute speech (Chishu Ryu's tour de force) in a



The wickedest: Anjelica Huston as the Grand High Witch, Miss Ernst, who tries to turn children into mice, in Witches

CRITIC'S CHOICE VIDEO

After over half a century in films, Kurosawa is one of the most youthful of directors. Following long years of restricted activity, his cereer has taken a new turn, thanks to the practical veneration of one of the most powerful Hollywood directors: Dreams is a Steven Spielberg presentation. Nor is this film a testament: Kurosawa is already at work on

Nicolas Roeg's latest produc-tion, Witches, is an odd undertak-ing — a children's film that never seems sure what audience it is targeting. The Roald Dahi story tells how a worldwide coven of witches, bent on ridding the world of children, is defeated by a brave little lad (who gets turned into a mouse) and his wily grandmother.

There is little invention in the film-making to lift it out of the ordinary, but Witches is enjoyable for the extravagance of Anjelica Huston as the wickedest witch in the world, and the eccentric charm of Mai Zetterling as the cigar-puffing granny. It is a nice joke, too, to have the witches maserade as a convention of the NSPCC at a Fawlty-style seaside hotel, ruled by a pursed-lipped Rowan Atkinson.

You might not readily guess that the director of Loverboy (15, Cannons Oxford Street, Panton Street, Chelsea) was Joan Micklin Silver, who made Hester Street

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM (Wather,

PG): Rowdy version of the musical, manically staged by Richard Lester. Some Sondheim songs get lost in the transfer, and the cast (Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers, Buster Keaton, Michael

Crawford) push too hard, but funny

JEREMIAH JOHNSON (Warner, PG):

Robert Redford as a 19th-century

mountain man. A meandering script,

but director Sydney Pollack conveys a wonderful sense of raw nature and its

things do happen, 1966.

and Crossing Delancey. This unappetising sex comedy has Patrick Dempsey as a college kid who takes a spare-time job delivering pizzas, with an on-the-side garnish of gigolo services for frustrated middle-class wives. Broad and bawdy comedy is clearly not Ms Silver's forte; and any hope that she might throw in some pertinent observation on middle-class

The legendary 18th-century stud stallion, the Godolphin Arabian, spawned a mass of ricturesque legend, as well as a progeny from which most of the world's thoroughbreds are descended. The legend, and much more, are entangled in King of the

HEAVEN'S GATE (Warner, 18): Michael Cimino's sumptuous epic

about the American mailing-pot. (Kris

Kristofferson, Isabelle Huppart). 1980.

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (Guild.

18): Swift video release for Uli Edel's

Brooklyn's loveless, mired in a hell on earth. Solidly acted, with tender

SISTERS (MGM/UA, 15): Engagingly officeat teenage cornedy with fairy-tale trimmings, featuring Patrick Demosey

as a deadpan American student 1989.

moments among the horror, 1990.

new, skiffully structured version of

Hubert Setby Jim's novel about

California is quickly dashed.

Wind (U, Cannon Haymarket), from a book by Marguerite Henry. Navin Chowdrhy, from Madame Sousatzka, plays a young mute Arab groom who accompanies the horse on his travels from Tunis to Paris and London.

The lad's abrupt alterations of fortune in the course of this odyssey would make an 18thcentury picaresque novel seem a model of conciseness by comperison, and National Velvet as prosaic as This Sporting Life.

Quite prettily shot on locations in the West Country, the film was directed by Peter Duffell. A swiftly-passing procession of guest stars includes Richard Harris and Glenda Jackson

# And now, Euro-vision

Oscar Moore on

how film-makers

and television

producers are

responding to the

A Continental neighbours down the stem of an arrow Continental neighbours or the barrel of a gun, the British - are shooting their way across the .. mainland with the friendlier hardware of a 35mm camera. We are r being asked to join European film and television companies to produce films for a European market: for the first time, that market is showing signs of being a 450million-strong entity.

Since it is they who most fear the emergence of a single European market, it is perhaps ironic that the Americans played a key role in this. While British filmmakers looked longingly across -the Atlantic, hoping to woo US distributors into partnerships, Americans were staring fixedly over our shoulder at the machinations in Brussels.

Over the last decade, several American blockbusters, such as Indiana Jones and the Last Crit-'sade, have earned more abroad than in their home market. Holly-

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challenge of the single European market from 1992

> wood studios used to regard foreign distribution as, at best, icing on the cake. Now, producers look to Europe, Japan and Australia as kev markets. But the EC is something of a

> prickly pear - there are delicious rewards if you can get inside. While the US has been quickly forming joint-venture distribution concerns in Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, it is frowning on the emergence of EC quotas on US television imports.

> The battle over quotas was caused by the EC's Directive on Television and Broadcasting. Due to take effect in October 1991, the directive led the US Trade Representative Carla Hills to lodge an official protest with the inter-national trade body GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and

However, the directive simply declared that member states must

broadcasters reserve most of their transmission time for European works (news, sports events, game shows and advertising excepted). Moreover, the requirement is not legally binding. Given that American shows currently account for only 28 per cent of European viewing, and are now given leave to increase that share to 49 per cent, the American reaction seems hotheaded. But it is an indication of the importance that the US attaches to European access that

we are now witnessing the return

of large US companies to London. While British companies have been pursuing and, in some cases, acquiring a presence in the US (TVS/MTM; Thames/Reeves) the reverse has also been happening in Britain, Paramount has acquired 49 per cent of Zenith, one of the most prolific British film and television independents, as well as sending over Ilene Maisel to head a European talent-scouting project for the main studio. The first fruits of Maisel's London posting have already been announced; an outline agreement to co-produce a long-term slate of feature films with the BBC. It is perhaps typical that this European exploration has resulted in English-language But is Britain anything more

than a Trojan horse for smuggling American interests into the European club? The British have been slow to take Europe as seriously as the Americans clearly have. Channel 4 has welded successful partnerships with like-minded European broadcasters such as Germany's ZDF and France's La Sept, co-producing low budget, even foreign language feature films, and some documentary arts programmes. The London-based independent, Red Rooster, with Quentin Raspail's Paris-based production company, formed London-Paris Express some three years ago. But these are excep-tions. The British television fran-chise-holders have been concentrating more on creating joint ventures such as Tango, the recently announced link between Yorkshire Television and America's NBC network, and shudder at the prospect of big European players, such as Berlusconi's Fininvest and the German giant Bertelsmann, bidding for chunks of ITV franchises in 1992. In fact, this could well happen sooner. The sensible way for an EC company to gain access to a British television franchise is to take a stake in an incumbent, and with 54 per cent of Thames shares put on the sales block by BET and Thorn EMI, London could have a Eurocaster programming weekday television.

ection of films recentl released on video. The year refers to the dute of first release, or in the case of televizion films, of first

BLUE JEAN COP (Video Collection, 18): Lively, atunt-filled thriller, with Peter Water and Sam Etilott us a New York lawyer and cop following a trail of police comption. Brightly directed by James

CAPTAIN PUGWASH - SEAFARING TALES (BBC, U): Delightful collection of nine miniature epics from the long-running BBC series, featuring John Ryan's bumbling buccaneer and the crew of the Black Pig. The material dates from the mid-1970s.

FESTIVAL: FLORENCE

# Donizetti at home

are probably yet to come. Pavarotti is scheduled to sing five Manricos in the new production of Il trovatore, with Zubin Mehta conducting. Jonathan Miller is in mid-rehearsal for a Don Giovanni promising to be quite different from the gloomy grey affair he contrived for the Coliseum "Goyaesque" is the adjective being bandied about. Samuel Ramey, as at Salzburg, sings the title role and Katia Ricciarelli is Donna Anna.

Two rarities have opened the season, Rimsky-Korsakov's City of Kitezh with a mainly Russian cast and Donizetti's Parisina d'Este. Parisina, which runs until Sunday, is back where it started life 157 years ago: at the Teatro della Pergola. Donizetti composed it close to the peak of his powers, and claimed it as a personal favourite. The records show few revivals recently.

The Florentines found Parisina a touch gruesome when they first saw it in 1833. Azzo, Duke of Ferrara, having driven his first wife to an early grave through jealousy, has equal doubts about his second. Parisina. He has reason. There is an admirer in the shape of Ugo, recently returned from the wars. When Parisina starts muttering that name in her sleep - shades of Otello - Azzo decides it is time for action. Forgiveness is not the order of the day and Ugo, who turns out to be his son, is duly served up dead in Act III. This allows the soprano a long scena of lament and anger (which Donizetti was so expert at writing), before expiring herself. From Byron's poem, Felice Romani, most expert of librettists. fashioned Italian verses that were much more polished than the subject matter.

Florence's director, Giulio Chazelettes, sets the opera in period, the 14th century. The chorus is in tiers on either side of the stage, and there they stay.

THE most glamorous nights of Ulisse Santicchi provides a panthis summer's Maggio Musicale elled hallway which opens out at elled hallway which opens out at crucial moments. At the end of Act I the banks of the Po, with waters a good deal bluer than nowadays, are revealed with cypresses and flowering shrubs as barges, and borses arrive for the next day's tournament.

In this highly decorative setting,

basic gestures are demanded from the singers. By far the best of them is Mariella Devia in the title role, who provides any number of reasons for the Maggio's enterprise in reviving Parisina. A smallish frame produces a substantial voice, something in the manner of the young Scotto. Devia exercises great control over everything she sings. The finale, which echoes the close of Anna Bolena and foreshadows that of Maria Stuarda, was delivered in bravura style — Caballe recorded it back in 1970. Even more impressive was the little-known Act II romanza, "Sogno talor": Donizetti's equivalent of Desdemona's "Willow Song". Devia phrased it exquisitely. Azzo, in this the most dramatic

scene of the opera, arrives on cue to hear Ugo's name muttered. Giorgio Zancanaro displayed moderate jealousy, but he was really there as a barritone trusted to deliver all Donizetti's notes, which he duly did with hints of dryness at the top of the voice. Such reliability was not given to Dano Raffanti in the high lying role of Ugo, who could as well have been Azzo's father as his son. The casting was strange as there are plenty of high-lying - and high flying - Rossini tenors who could turn their skills to Donizetti. Raffanti's tone was often forced and only under intermittent control. Part of the house indicated that he was unwise to attempt the

Act II cabaletta, and that judge-

ment was sound. Bruno Bartoletti

was a surprisingly disappointing

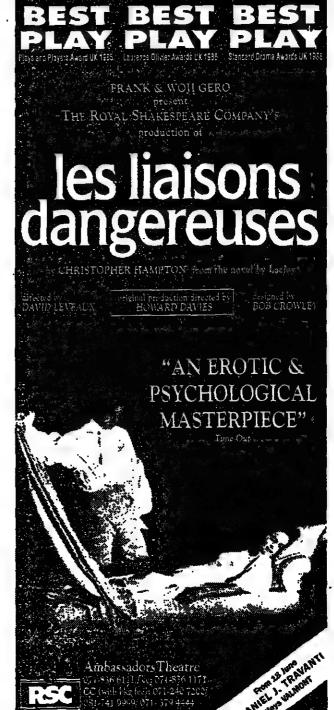
conductor, appearing to give little

encouragement to his singers.

Maximilian Schell's Inturiating documentary about Marlene Districh a jumble of the usual clips, plus crotchety comments (voice only) from the lady herself. 1983. MYSTIC PIZZA (Virgin, 15): Wry

coming-of-age sags about three teenage girls testing romance. Vibrant performances from Annabeth Gieh, Liii laytor, and fast-rising star Julia Roberts, 1989.

TEX AVERY'S SCREWBALL CLASSICS I (MGM/UA, U): Eight goldplated classics from the master of zany animation, made at MGM in the Forties and early Fifties; Including The Cat That Hated Paopie, Bad Luck Blackie.





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#### THEATRE

#### The Maple Tree Game Courtyard, Leeds

IN RECENT years, this country seemed unable to notice more than one dissident writer per country: one Pole for Poland, one Czech, and so on. Pavel Kohout -Czech until his citizenship was withdrawn because of his links with Charter 77 - engagingly refers to himself as having been only Public Enemy No 2 or 3 in his country. Over here he has, until now, been better known as a name in someone else's work, Kahoot's Macheth, Tom Stoppard's tribute to Kohout's living-room productions that were his substitute for proper theatre when the end of the Prague Spring frosted the hopes of his generation.

The opening of the Courtyard Theatre, smaller sibling of the Playhouse's Quarry Theatre, brings an opportunity to see something of Kohout's own work - "It is a funny tragedy," he says - although the distant source of this play is a novel by the Romanian writer, Mircea Eliade. Another of Eliade's books examines the myth of the Eternal Return, which has some hearing on the shapely play Kohout has fashioned, though as harsh political reality rather than myth.

One fine day at the Ministry of the Interior in some Danube country, the infinitely courteous Professor Farama, a retired schools inspector, presents himself. He has come to see a certain

major whom he remembers as one of his pupils. The major denies it. Junior and rival officers become interested in the professor's story and one after the other are hooked on to his cunningly ramifying tale. He seems such a harmless old buffer at first, and Peter Copley plays him with old-time charm, nodding his bony, white-haired head, artlessly changing his tone. like a hypnotist up to his tricks.

Starting with Abdul the Tartar boy, who has a trick of catchine flies (which rivets the attention of the Captain), the story twists on to a mysterious cellar (mesmerizing the State Inquisitor), until the colonel finds himself intent upon the habits of gnomes, and the Minister of the Interior (Avril Clark), a woman whose baroque boudoir we eventually see, with herself reclining as Mme Re-camier, is carried away by the tale of a Carpathian beauty.

Gradually the Professor emerges as a sort of Czech Scheherazade, telling an endless story, not to save his own life but to play havoc with other people's.

John Harrison's direction of this shrewd and witty fable, set for the most part in black offices against towering bronze walls, allows each scene to breathe a little after the last words, so that some gesture or expression lingers in the eye. He has drawn a gallery of vivid comic performances from the professor's fascinated listeners, in particular from lan Barritt's Inquisitor, who embodies one of Kohout's maxims that it is better to treat the tragic with a dusting of humour.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Avril Clarke and Poter Copiey in The Maple Tree Game

#### Little Love Lyric, Hammersmith

SELLING babies is a promisingly off-beat subject for a comedy, but an unfortunate flabbiness mars this new play by Stephen Fagan, in which two unscrupulous doctors set themselves up as baby-brokers, only to encounter problems of

supply and demand. It should be an incisively topical subject, but naturalistic cornedy has a habit of seeming sadly dated. particularly when it borders on farce. At times, Justin Greene's production has the air of an extended charades match played in a cathedral, it is in danger of being out-classed by the flashy detail of Caroline Ellion's stylish set design, but is fortunate that the acting is meticulous, the

characterizations delightful. Of the two naughty doctors, Francis (Brian Protheroe), is the more wicked; lethally suave in his cream suit, and apparently constructed of sandpaper and olive oil. Paul (Benjamin Whitrow), meanwhile, is a mint humbug of a man; rather sweet, baiding and

soft-centred.

OPERA

Vincent

Helsinki

IN THE year of Van Gogh's

centenary, and in the week of the

great £50 million art sale, Vincent,

the opera, was born. The birth has

taken place not in Holland but in

Finland. So fast-moving is the country's cycle of supply and

demand that a vast new opera

house, rectilinear and snow-white,

is already rising from its building

site to vie with the Inter-Conti-

nental for the best view over

Helsinki's sea-lake. When it is completed in 1992, it will seat

twice as many spectators as the

19th-century theatre which now

houses Finnish National Opera.

carriage of justice by Nurse Careswell (Illona Linthwaite), an acerbic wit who may be pictured somewhere between Glenda Jackson and a young fairy godmother, a sanity-figure who does her best to raise the drama onto a more meaningful level. Ciaran Madden stands out for her simpering portrayal of the adoptive mum, all

vowels, smiles and longings. Punctuated by realistic baby noises and the unwelcome strains of Four Seasons, there is a lot of rushing in and out with trolleys and babies and fat wads of banknotes, and some heated discussions in which the links between Hippocrates and hypocrisy begin to seem very close. We titter and chortle - at one point we even hold our breath - but al-

together the play is a mess. Every heavily-padded bundle of loose ends undoubtedly has its moments, but this one is too frivolous to amount to effective black comedy, and too flaccid for successful farce.

Heavily cut, it might make a successful first episode for a television sitcom. As it stands, it lacks muscle, and sags like an old man's smile.

For Einojuhani Rautavaara's

Vincent, though, the Tsar's old house provides just the intimate

scale required by this unremit-tingly claustrophobic work. Un-

like the writing of compatriots such as Paavo Heininen or Aulis

Salinnen (whose The King goes forth to France visited Covent

Garden in 1987), Rautavaara's

operas zoom in on an individual, rather than panning over the

wider spaces of frequently surreal

action and verbal complexity

which characterizes much con-

The structure of Vincent is

simple to the point of naivety.

Three acts, each one introduced by

a distinctive and oppressive syn-

thesizer "canvas", recreate the artist's life in fast flashback.

Between the raising and lowering

temporary Finnish opera.

The Floating Light Bulb Nuffield. Southampton

WOODY ALLEN only gave the go-ahead for this revival of his sweet-sour comedy, first seen in New York in 1981, after careful verting. He need not have worried, for Patrick Sandford's production is a little gem; authentic, truthful and beautifully acted. Such problems as exist stem from the writing: funny, poignant, but not,

in a sustained way, dramatic. The setting is a dingy Brooklyn apartment, atmospherically recreated in Robin Don's set using back-projections and gauze. The marriage of Enid and Max Pollack as shaky as some of the furniture; their teenage sons react in opposite ways. Steve is aggressive and cocky (Paul Russell is a miniature James Cagney). Paul, practising to be a magician, is

nervous and withdrawn. Gian Sammarco, apparently known to millions as Adrian Mole, achieves considerably more than a brilliant impersonation of

relationships, the encounters and

the existential debates of the life as

revealed in the letters rush out in a

stream of consciousness fed by a

whole series of 12-tone rows and,

more audibly, by a vibrant under-

tow of string and percussion-dominated orchestral writing.

entirely Vincent's; and therein lies

the opera's weakness. For all the

energy of its vocal writing, for all

its strong and masterly pacing, the

single viewpoint makes for a

limiting polarity of musical and

dramatic characterization. Van

Goeh is a part conceived for, even

originally suggested by, Finland's leading baritone and Vincent look-alike, Jorma Hynninen. He is

the Christ to the evil spirit of Paul

Gauguin (Marko Putkonen). The

experience of woman, too, is split

into the bad old dichotomy of

The consciousness is, of course,

chested slouch and earnest, pleading gaze are echt Allen, but Sammarco imbues Paul with independent dramatic life. He is Woody without the wisecracks, without the sense one gets in the films that, as well as being a gibbering incompetent, he is ighly successful and attractive, Crippled by a stutter, without an ounce of self-confidence. Paul is hardly a comic figure. Hats off to a highly talented young actor.

Paul's problem, of course, is mother (though father, played by Sam Douglas, as a 250lb emo-tional flyweight, scarcely helps). Sylvia Syms effortlessly casts off Noël Coward associations by looking and sounding every inch and vowel a Brooklyn housewife. First girlishly coy, then a hectoring termagant, she demonstrates brilliantly the mother-love which unmans. Lee Montague contributes a delicious cameo as a theatrical manager who does not

quite live up to expectations. The problem? Perhaps it is a question of construction — no real sense of beginning, middle and end. Or a failure to pursue events to their logical conclusion - here tragedy rather than comedy.

angel (Gaby, played by the composer's wife, Sim) and whore (Maria Hoomik, sung by the

mezzo, Eeva-Liisa Saarinen).

The libretto (Rautavaara's own) suggests there is room for rather more sophistication than Jussi Tapola's production provides. His caricaturing of the ever-changing, yet increasingly predictable quartet of bureaucrats (by turns doctor. priest, critic, secretary and so on) is less effective than his handling of the surging crowd of inmates and brothel guests, sung so robustly by the chorus. Tapola was, however, placed in the unhappy position of building on a foundation already laid by the late Goran Järvefelt. With a cleaner slate, and with conducting as committed as that of Fuat Mansurov, Vincent

may well travel far. HILARY FINCH

#### NEW RELEASES

THE GOODS MUST BE CRAZY II (PG): Corneal cul-ups in the Kalehon desert w bunch of cultipation's finest, an Almosti bushman and his children. Crude comedy to

MAX. MON AMOUR (18): Napsa Dehrne's Bufuel-like tale of a bornd borne use (Chimiotte Ramping) in love with a champerces; elegant, but encoyingly muted. With Armony Hoggies, Dens Quick. ICA Cinema (871-930 3547).

TORRESTS OF SPRING PG: Jerzy Sležmowské a plush, bewildzing adapt Turgensvé short novel about a young between hijo women (Nastasspa Kinski, Valena Golino). Curson West End (071-40) 4305).

#### CURRENT

# ALL DOORS GO TO HEAVEN (U): Disjointed, unappealing carnoon buries is low-life clag returning from the class. Whiteleys (071-792 3003/5024).

CIMEMA PARADISO (PG): Giusecpe Tomotore's nosteligic tale of a small Sicilan cricans, a hugely expecting salute to the Curzons: Maytair (071-655 8855) Phoenix (071-240 9861).

HORIVING MISS DARSY (U): SW spontrol ass. DARSY (U): Swar.
endeaning film of Alexand Unity's play about a
related Southern lady (Jesses Tracky) and
the black chariffeur (Morgan Fraemath).
Directed by Bross Bereslord.
Camon Ruhsen Rock (071-370-2536)
Millionia (071-255-4225) Screen on Balting
Street (071-255-2772) Wiemer (071-435-0791).

 ENEMES, A LOVE STORY (15) ISSUE Busheve Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life, siditally limed by Paul Mazursloy. Ron Silver, Angelica. Berbicon (071-699 8661) Cemides Periosay (071-267 7034) Cemidon Period Senson (071-650 0631).

 THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15):
Highly diverting firsworks between a Bond enger (Michelle Pletter) and two cocks/s planists (Left and Beau Bridges).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-838) 8851) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6544/5) Laicester Square (071-830 6111).

HENRY V (PG): Vincelly drab version of Shakeapears's play from wunderland Kenn Branagh, who dreeds and stars. With Paul Scoffeld, Emme Thompson, Judi Denct. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Screen on the Hit (071-456 3366).

**♦ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER** (PG): Seen Cornery as a Soviet subman commander trying to defect. Ponderous Conserved Comme (UT) -335 9772)
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**♦ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18t Richard** Internal, AFFARS (18); Richerd Gern and Andy Garda as Los Angeles cops tucked and a vortex of mecunity and complete. Teach thiller, given some look by Brash decian Mile Figgs.

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JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An up-dialed version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained secretal

EL ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR:

Li nosumo Person Sinistra. R. Aycidoum's achingly funny sensus-comedy, directed by the author Wheelall, Losson Skir (971-867 1119) Underground Charring Cross Mon-Sat, Spin, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4,30pm. Russang time: 2res 25mins, 800long to Aug 11.

DI BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE AS-

systems go performence by Lottere State as a main text on a murber rep. Vanderville, Strand, London WCZ (07) 436

9983). Underground: Charing Cross Mon-Thurs, 8,30pm, Fin and Set, Born and 8,45pm, Running trans. Thr 30mms. Ends

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respondent Berbern Juliford Remonale The chachood of lescoon. Berbicen Themate, Berbasan Centre, EC2

(021-638 8891) Underground Barbican/ Meorgate/St Paul's, Tonight-Set, 7,30cm.

Ci DESIRE: Spirit possession in Zimbabwe; uneven David Lan play. Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (971-359 4404), Undergound Heighbury & Sangh Man-Sat, Spin, mail Sat, Apm Russing use, 11v 40mms, Enda June 9.

III THE DUCHESS OF MALFE Harris Wefter a movingly arotic victim in Website murky homoshow. The Pit, Barbicon Centre (as above).

\* FASHION: Revised revival of Doug

Luca's piercing eather on advertieng ethic Thicycle, 256 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground. Kilburi Mon-Sitt, Bprn, mar Sat, 4pm. Rumsong isse. 2hm 3(mines. Entis June 21.

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(071-730 1745). Underground: Steene So Mon-Sal, Spm. mat Sal, 4pm. Running lime: 1tr 10mins. Ends June 2.

A MAN OF THE MONEST: Manual

hersh comedy by Ayddourn: good six on the Cores del Sct. with Multiset Gernton, Peter Bowles. Globe Treetre, Sheftesbury Avenue,

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Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

arius from Canadian director Denys Accand of The Decime of the American Empire. noir (07 1-837 8402)

. JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Graing unsympathetic action fooder from director Water Hd, with Mickey Rourke as a disfigured criminal who plans a double cross following plastic surgery. With Ellen Barkin. Cannons: Fulhern Road (971-370 2635) Haymarken (971-839 1527) Oxford Street (971-

◆ THE KRAYS (18): Breading, bloody drama about the nee and fall of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Medals directs an imaginatively chosen cast. Gary and Martin Kertip, Balle Wintelaw Carrion Chaisea (071-325 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-375 5644/5) Swiss Cottents Kansington (171-32 5544/5) Swiss Cottings (171-72 5905) West End (171-330 5252/7515) Whiteleys (171-752 3303/3324).

 LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, cliché-logged underwater thriter about scientists on the costs floor, under attack from genetic transformation Peter Weller, Richard Crenna.

Others Technique (18): 180 (18 Carcinomission Peter Weter, Richard Cn Odecres: Karsington (1771-502 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-900 6111) Marbik (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Intentile ◆ LOOK WHO'S TALKING [12] Infamile comedy about an urmamed mum and her taking baby John Travolta, Kinste Alley and Bruce Wilhs's visce Cannons: Cheisse (071-352 5196) Oxford Street (071-356 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0531) Oxford Kensington (071-922 5544/5) Warmer (071-439 0791) Whitaleys (071-732 3203/3324).

◆ McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Remai of Robert Altman's moody V about a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bondello in a mening town. With Jule Christie. Cannon Panton Street (071-630 0831).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish exursateure Hinte (15); Imprise, isylest version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's cark obsession with his neighbour, a shieng achievement by director Patrice Lecente, previously known for comaches. With Africa Blanc and Sandrina Borntaire. Lumera (071-835 0691).

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown min Lern Houri (15): The Chesty stoom story; spiriting tare, marvellously acted, with Cocat-winners Daniel Day-Lowis and Brown Frober Prentiers (071-439 4470) Screen on Baser Synet (071-695 2772)

♠ A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET & THE DREAM CHILD (18): Robert England's vengetul monster tectously prays on yet more children Grussomely polished special flects, but the plot is a thing of shreds and patrices Currions: Chelman (071-522 5050) Haymenker (071-639 1527) Oxford Skreet (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/5324).

◆ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbe Coltrane sheltering as runs in James Sugmen's convent school. Fast and surous dreg comedy, arried at fanciers of the streamasty zarry, from writer-director

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Jeremy Kingston's selection of current theatre in London House full, returns only ★ SOTTHE SOURCES

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☐ MARYA: Strongly cast revival of Babel's trama set in 1920s Patrograd. Old Vic. Wauston Road, Lundon SE1 (071-828 7618), Underground, Waterloo Men-Fir, 7 30pm, Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm—

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SW1 (071-930 2578). Underground: Proced Circus Mon-Fri, Born, Set, 8.15pm, mets Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. Running time: 2hts 10mms Boolong to June 18. \* RETURN TO THE PORBIDDEN

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SHIFTLEY VALENTINE: Paule Wilcox as Willy Russell's domestic worm turning ittle a Greek nymets. Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

POWWOW HIGHWAY (15): Hugely directing and sympathetic US independent about two American Indians on a cross-country roundey. A sprightly first feature for director Jonethen Wacks, with A Martin Gary Farmer Electric (071-792 2020) in repertory.

 PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly Price ITY WOMEN'S (13) Deputemently
cid-leshioned romanic comedy, given some
modest cherin and sparide by Jubia
Roberts as a gawky proshiute who softens the
crust of richiess businessman Richard Gere. Director Garry Marshall. Gere. Director Garry Mershell.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5095) Heymarket (071-838 1527) Totienhem Court Road (071-638 6148) Noting His Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Lelceeter Square (071-930 5111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-438 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 303/3324).

SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodorovsky's extraordinary, disturbing, blood-scaked fantasy set in a travelling Circus. Metro (071-437 0757).

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Disappointingly heavy-footed romantic comedy from writer-director Alan J. Pakula, with Jeff Bridge as a psychiatrist torn between two namages Alice Kinge, Farrah Fowcatt. Warner (071-438 0791). SEE YOU IN THE MORNING (12): SHE-DEVIL (15): Roseanne Barr as the

ititad frump who takes revenge when har husband takes up with Meryl Streep.

Overly student adaptation of Pay Weldon's Life and Loves of a She-Davil from director Summ Schalleron. Susen Seidelman. Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 8111).

A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): n amon i muse namou i LOVE (165 Kzyschol Kleslowski's powerful and eerle to of voyeunsm and senual ledure. Second in the senes based on the Ten Commandmen (Sats (071-727 4043) Premiers (071-439)

SOCIETY (18): Obnovous, zombie-filled honor yern from Brian Yuzne, producer of *From* Beyond, Carmon Fulfami Road (071-370 2886) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

SWEETIE (15): Pricidly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wasking havoc on the suburban like of her shirillang violet sister. A fine feature début by director Jane Campion, posed on the knife-edge bel

registrate and faros. Campan Plans (071-455 2A43) Christali Cinema (071-351 3742) Metro (071-437 0757). ♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOII (18): Gérard Departmen dathers between his wife and ere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837

♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A o The WART OF THE HOUSES (10); An operfect mannage self-destructs violently Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Dougles and Kathleen Turner Cannons: Piccadilly (071-437 3581) Tottenham Coart Fixed (071-535 0145) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 5844/5) Laloster Square (071-830 6111) Whitel 1711-759 2978/17294

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THE TABLE OF TWO HORSENEN The livest of throughout the neme, tongue-ted in the officers' mass at Rewelpandi. Circumvedt. Circum's Hill, Lundon SE 10 (081-858 7755). British Rail, Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2 to 10 mms. Endle June 15.

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Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, met Sat, 2.30pm. Funning time. 1hr 50mine. Ends May 31. ☐ VANSLLA: Starry cast (Joanna Lumley, San Philips) cavort in a grotesque tragi-tarce about the super-nch.

Lyric, Shafteebury Averse, London W1 (071-437 3685) Mon-Fri, Spri,, Set, 8.30pm, mets Wed. 2:30pm and Set, 5pm. Running time: 1fz 30mms. Booking to Sept. II THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Supinior

graves. Fortune Theolog. Russell Silvert, Condon 3pm and Set, 4pm. Running time: 2ms. Booking to Sept. LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of Love:

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#### of the cage which is St Rémy, the WINNING MOVE



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# By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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11.50 Northern Lights. Profile of electronic music specialist Rob Worby (r)

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. This week marks the fittleth anniversary of the Dunkirk

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Harriet Harman MP: Question Time (10.20)

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 5.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Reyner with advice for viewers with emotional

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also be a consumer guide to the barrage of green products on sale in a supermarket near you now, plus a campaign to clean up motoring 2.00 A Country Practice. Drama set in a

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3.30 Bedrock. The rock group Lindistame In concert 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman, Ends at 6.00

#### BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Pictures of Politics. Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 8.15 Wastminster 9.00 Daytime on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by
Watch. Cats 2.15 The Sauce. The story

of Lea and Perrins Worcester Sauce 2.25 Racing From Goodwood, Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races. notucies news end westiver at 8.00 and

3.50 4.25 Country File. For One World week the programme mounts an exhibition of work by leading environmental photographers who also talk to John Craven and Chris Baines (r) 4.50 Thems Tune. Plano Player. A

composer sits at the plane groping for inapiration (r) 5.00 Snapl. Photographer Michael Freeman demonstrates how to get good photos inside the home (r). (Cestex)

5.10 Horizon (r). (Cestax) 6.00 Film: The Delicate Delinquent (1957, b/w). Typical madcap Jarry Lawis comedy in which he plays a young delinquent who decides he wants to become a cop. Directed by Don

7.35 Business Mutture: Doing Burings In France, if you are out to cut the musterd in Europe post-1992, then you might pick up a hint or two from John Humphrys as he looks at how the continentals do it on their own patch. Seeing how to handle a business lunch in France could be more useful then finding out how to redevelop a sium quarter of Paria, though, depending of course on who you are. Two more programmes to follow. Weles: Gardening Together

8.00 Yes, Minister. Another episode from the priceless corridors of power corridor series, starring Paul Eddington and

different but the format remains the

same as last week's trip to Miami: Clive drives the car, looks at the girls,

wears the suit and meets the kminaries of whatever city he happens

Nigel Hawthorne (r)
8.30 On the Line, Investigative journalism
and sport don't really mix. Even so, On
the Line still has a go at being interesting, although stories about

payments to rugby union players are fairly old hat 9.00 KYTV. The spoof satellite crew take a nostalgic look back at the good old days of the Second World War, which might raise a chuckle, although the joke already seems to be running

9.30 Under the Sun: After the Gold

This second part of *Under the*Sun's Amazonian trilogy, visits Brazil's biggest goldmine, a gaping punch-bowl populated by swerms of miners lebouring literally to scratch a living out of the earth. An impressive sight on film, it is not such a great place to work meleric such the neuroty of cold being just two of its drawbacks. When the rein leather down (which it does most of the year) and the mud-smeared prospectors toil to haul sacks of earth up to the rim of the mine, it resembles nothing so much as a helihole by Bosoh. Encouraged to move into the Amezon by the government, they have become the pawns in an accommic disease. Meanwhile, their wives and children, some of them more or less deserted, wait, stave and get sick at home. In northern Brazil disease imported by miners has all but wiped out the Yanomami Indians. A far ony from last week's nice documentary on tribal rituals,
Philippa Walker's conscating report is
more political than anthropological.
Whatever the category, though, it is
worth watching.

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 There are ways and means of catching an audience's attention, and opening with a shot of a nude women remains one of them. If there is an excuse for it here, it is that the subject of Tins on the Azotea, this week's offering in the BBC2's short slot, is photography, and one of its more unlikely practitioners. Arrita Chelleman acts in and nametes the Chelleman acts in and narrates the eventful life story of Tine Modotti, an Italian who played dark ladies on the silver screen in the early days of Hollywood and moved to Mexico to record images of social unrest with a camera. Not all of this experimental mini film is as arresting as its opening shot, but director Cari Higgins does her inventive best to combat the restriction of a very obviously minisoule budget.

10.30 Newsnight with Donald MacCormick 11.15 The Late Show. Well-proportioned arts magazine. Jeremy Issacs meets ouit B-movie director Roger Commen

12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook. 12.05am Learning Methe Together. Ends at 12.35

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Soothing music set to natural images 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programm presented by Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and

business news nervice 1.00 Sesame Street, Pre-school learning 2.00 A Full Life. Prolific broadcaster.

historien and travel writer, John Julius Norwich reflects on his life and 2.30 Film: The Working Man (1933, b/w).

George Ariss, Bette Davis and Theodore Newton star in this lively escapist comedy in which an eccentric shoe manufacturer re-organizes the work, and subsequently the lives of his employees. Directed by John G. Adolfi 1.55 Return to the Cratus's Rim.

Spectacular footage of a volcano erupting on an island just off Iceland 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Another round of the

quick-fire general knowledge quiz show 5.00 Garibaidi the General. In today's episode of this romanticized biopic of the life of the founding father of the flatian state, Guiseppe Garibeldi, the monarchist Bourbons counter article along the Voltumo line. Starring Franco Nero in the title role

6.00 Things To Come. Malcolm Bennett and Panny Southgate present this innovative science programme which asks fundamental questions about what our luture will hold. What would happen if we all lived to be 120? What if we could programme our children at birth? And how would we list if UFOs's restly conted? Some of these capabilities will exist in the not too distant future; how will we react? Will it solve our problems or simply swap our present problems for new ones?

6.30 Kate & Allie. If She Goes I Go. One was a 1960s free spirit who was against Vietnam, the other was a straight traditionalist who supported it. In the traditionalist who supported it. In the 1970s they both got merried, in the 1980s they found that they had something in common; both are

middle aged divorcée mothers (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and
Zetnub Bartawi 7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Greek Fire. in the last part of the

series looking at the legacies of encient Greek civilization, the concept and practice of war is examined. As Einstein commented after Hiroshima "Everything has changed, except our way of thinking"

8.30 My Two Dads: Crime and Purishment American

Punishment. Average American sitcom following the fortunes of a girl who could have one of two fathers and has settled for living with them both



Blancown Bowesters sestary life (3.00pm)

9.00 Film: Hotel du Perselle (1986) This first feature by Czech-born director Jana Bokova is a metarichol portrait of Paris. Set in a quiet hotel, it contrasts the troubled, solitary lives of

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the characters staying there and charts their growing involvement with one another—a beautiful woman trying to escape from her lover, a script writer trying to break in the movies, and an ageing east European actor trying to break out of them and back that the thesits. the theatre. Like Bokova's recent BBC2 Arena documentary about Havana, Hotel du Paradis displays a refined and highly personal feel for the city — its bustle, its breadth and above all its sensuelity. Starring Fernando Rey, Bérangère Bonvoisin and

Fabrice Luchine 11.10 Bach: Masterpieces to Order. The Ascension Oratorio. This programme goes back in history to trace how the composer, Bach, created his masterpiaces. With the help of choirs from Leipzig and Yorkshire and the use of genuine 18th-century instruments, some of Bach's most famous choral pieces are performed

12.40am Film: Where the Green Ante Dream (1984) starring Bruce Spence, Wadjuf Marika, Roy Marika and Ray Barrett. Visually stunning and deeply moving film about the clesh of cultures between indigenous Aboriginals and an encroaching mining company in outback Australia. The film is based around, and very supportive of, the Aboriginal Land Rights Movement, which clashes with a mining company when a group of elderly Aboriginals rafuse to vacate one of their most sacred sites. The sympathetic Australian geologist halts work and calls in the company president, who in turn uses various tricks and incentives to get them to move. The story culminates in a vivid scene in a court room where the ridiculousness of Aboriginals fighting to save their own land through a Western justice system that is based on totally different precepts is graphically highlighted. Directed by Werner Herzog. Ends at

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RADIO 3 8.35am Open University (FM only): Mattes — Curve Statisting 8.55 Weather and News Handlinss 7.00 Westing Concert: Purcell
(Trumpet Sonata: City of London Baroque under Hickor, with Crispine Shale-Perions); Britten (County Datnoes from Glorums: Julien Bream Consort); Hotst (Japanese Suite; LSO under Adrian Boull)
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7.35 Morning Concert (conft): Ame
(Symphony No 3 in E flat:
Carrillers under Shepherd);
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Jean-Pierre Rampel, flute, with
Stern, Accardo, Hostropovich);
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M.A.Z. de Ferrenti (Ronde des fées: Simon Wynberg, guitar); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions: Philhermonie, under (acolhey Simon) 8.35 Composers of the Week: Hindernith, Six Songs frore Dre Merienetter (Lanti Symphory Orchestra under Lift Solarblom, with Karila Mertila, soprano); Quartet (York Pismo Trio with James Campbell, clarinet) 9.35 Beethoven and Schubert Domus: Krysia Osostowicz,

P.36 Beethoven and Schubert
Domus: Krysia Osostowicz,
violin, Tim Boulton, viola, and
Richard Lester, cello, perform
Beethoven (Trio in C minor,
Op 9 No 3) and Schubert
(String Trio in B flat D 471,
first movement)
10.10 Cross-Currents of France and
Spain: The pismist Paul
Rioberts performs Severac
Cerdaria (En Languedoc,
excerpts, Baigneuses au
soleii); Debussy (Pour les
sonorités opposées, Pour les
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2) (r) 11.05 Cantamus under Pamela Cook, with Sioned William 11 Do Cantamus tribes Patrick
Cook, with Sioned Williams,
harp, performs Partrick Piggot
(Samplers); arr Michael Neaum
(Folk Song Suite)

11.40 BBC Philharmonic under
Bryden Thomson, with Janos
Starter, cello, performs
Vaughan Williams (Symphony
No 6 in E mnor); Schumam
(Cello Concerto in A minor);
Martmü (Frescoes of Pero
delle Francesca)

1.00pm News

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
Live from St George's,
Srandon Hill, Bristol. The
quitarist, Paco Peña,
introduces music of the
ibsrian Parinsula

2.00 Mozart (Kyrie for chorus and

2.00 Mozart (Kyrie for chorus and orchestra, K 341; Vesperae solennes de confessore, K 339; Mass in C "Coronation".

K 317: Soldister, Baverien Radio Chorus, Baverien Redio Symphony Orchestra under Earthroad Leitney Incl. 2 40 Interval Reading
3.15 Bournemouth Wind Cuire
under lan Lowes performs
Hoffmeister (Seremade:
Graham Whetlam); Concerto

(Funtasy) 4,00 Violin and Plano: Krzysztof Smietana, violin, and John Blakely, piano, perform Dallapiccola (Tartiniana

Dalispiccola (Tarmiana aeconda); Wieniawski (Légende, Op 17); Beethoven (Sonata, Op 96) 4.50 Kerg-Elert: Symphony for organ in F strasp minor, performed by Graham Barbar in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban 5.30 Marrly for Pleasure with 7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks to

the violinist, Ruggiero Ricci, who is in London to give a concert to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Pagenini's 7.30 Sena Jurinec: Strauss (Four Last Songs: Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra under

Philhamphic Urcaestre under Buschij 8.00 Enghton Festival 1990: Live from the Music Room of the Royal Pavison. Tainch Quartet performs Schubert (Quartet in E flat, D 87; Prano Sonata in A, D 664 8.45 Tourches. Presented by Diana Bishop, Nigel Graham and Dominick Rickhards. Poets of the present comment on their predecessors (r) 9.05 Dvořák (Pieno Quintet No 2 in A, Op

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9.50 All the World's a Globe wilh
guest Juliet Stevenson. Part 4:
Being the history of mankind
from the first amoeba to the Beng the history of manwind from the first amoeba to the Second World War, presented by the entire cast of The National Theatin of Bront 10.05 Music in Our Time. Michael Finnissy introduces the buon Enterphia and a selection of their performances from last week's Brighton Festival. James Clapperton (The Taill of Shr Chanlecker and the Foxe, for solo violini); Andrew Toovey (Nobody'll Know, for cello and piano); Clapperton (The Taill of Shr Chanlecker and the Foxe, for solo piano); Michael Finnissy (Cint, for solo clarnet); Toovey (Shimmer Bright for string timo) 11.05 Composers of the Week: Mandelsschrif (Trumpel Overture, Op 101; Concerto for two pianos in A flat; Concert Pecc, Op 113) (r) 12.00 Nam 12.05mm Close

1.45am Throw Momma from the Train (1987): Black comedy in which Denny DeVilo and Bally Crystal star as struggling whites who swap murders to depose of Crystal's wife and DeVito's mother.

#### RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.09 News Bright; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for raming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite and a team of reporters

and a resum or reporters investigate your complaints (r) 9.30 How Far Can You Go?. Barry Norman asks how far art amouted by allowed to clash with religious sensibilities. With guests John Cleese, Amold Wesker and Dr Yakob

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years when he was quite big in politics. Putting his new fauth in "bottle, shillity and luck", he has most certainly sprung back from the ropes against which his old intransigence pinned him. Humphys is justified in not handling him with lidd gloves 11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-firm broadcasters 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm King Street Junior: Karl Howman stars in the comedy about educational ups and downs (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with James Naughtlis

Numbers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
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Murray meets Sare Paretsky,
creator of the feminist private
eve, V I Warshawksi; Comme
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4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde
examines a new biography of
A.A. Milne; Alison Lurie

A.A. Mane; Alson Lurie explores the hidden meanings in children's classics; and 
Richard Adams's children od 
4.36 Kaleidosoope; includes a 
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a discussion on the purpose
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Magazine for people with
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9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes a
review of Philip Ridley's new
book Flamingos in Orbil and
Stephen Joesph's play Body
Language: a feature by Kerty Language: a feature by Kerry Shale on the Adelaide Festival; an item on state
Festival; an item on state
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Tony Jakes reports on the
NCR Book Award (s)
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Continued from page 1 of recipients of local government services from the obligation to pay would severely undermine local accountability and the long-vaunted prin-ciple advanced by the Government in support of the tax that everyone should pay a contri-

bution to local services. However, it does seem likely that the review increasingly seen as a tidyingup exercise aimed at "smoothing off the rough edges" - will ease the burden on owners of second homes and firms faced with absorbing huge business rate increases in one go when properties change hands.

It is also clear that the search for a mechanism to ensure that extra funds ploughed by the Government into the revenue support grant system are used by councils to cut poll tax bills is dominating the early stages of the review.

Proposals to band the charge according to people's income - a solution favoured by many Conservative MPs and a universal "cap" by which all councils would have their charges limited by the Government have found little favour with the Cabinet

Informed sources suggest that some of the ideas being considered would still mean primary legislation having to be introduced by the Government in the autumn. Changing the criteria under which coun cils can be capped would require legislation and is under serious consideration.

At present councils whose budgets are under £15m cannot be capped, even though their spending increases could be considered excessive.

The committee is not expected to meet again until after the Whitsun parlia-mentary recess, and Mrs Thatcher has made plain that decisions may not be announced for several weeks.

Insiders are emphasizing that with the local elections out of the way there is no need for haste in bringing forward

#### **Author of Colditz dies**

MAJOR Pat Reid, author of The Colditz Story, and one of the prisoners who escaped from the "escape- proof" pris-oner-of-war camp in 1942, has died aged 79.

Major Reid, who won the Military Cross and was awarded the MBE, died on Tuesday in Frenchay hospital, Bristol, after a short illness. The story of his escape was written in 1952. The book was later turned into a successful film with Sir John Mills playing Major Reid. In 1955 Major Reid published a second book about the camp.



Tearful memories: Mr George Chapham, Quean Victoria's Rifles, remembering fallen comrades in the battle for Calais

# Calais salutes heroes who defied panzers

UNDER cloudiess skies several hundred past and present officers and men of one of Britain's most famous regiments gathered yesterday to mark the 50th anniversary of the defence of Calais.

On the dockside close to where the ferries now ply busily between Calais and Dover stands a memorial to the fallen heroes of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the Rifle Brigade, the Queen Victoria's Rifles and the Royal Tank ruins. Regiment, the first three of which are now amaigamated as the Royal Green jackets. Theirs was one of the

briefest and most poignant campaigns of the Second World War. On May 22 1940, they embarked, ill-prepared and at short notice, under the command of Brigadier Claud Nicholson, with instructions to secure the port and to proceed to Boulo

Alas for fine dreams. The road to Boulogne was blocked and Nicholson found himself having to defend Calais with 3,000 men and 800 French troops against the advancing German 1st and 10th Panzer divisions. They were under

orders from Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, who declared that the defence of Calais to the utmost was "of the highest importance to our country as symbolizing our continued co-operation with France." Nicholson twice rejected German demands for

surrender, Finally on May 26

the defenders were pushed back into the old part of the town and, as dusk fell, were surrounded in the smoking The war diary of the 10th Panzer division declares: "The enemy fights with a hitherto unheard of obstinacy. brave and tenacious." More

were captured. ceded by the national anthems of Britain and France, the Duke of Gloucester inspected and chatted to the veterans on parade. The frigate HMS Alacrity watched over the proceed-

generators partly drowning

the singing of Oh God Our

Help in Ages Past and Oh Valiant Hearts.

During a service conducted by the Rev Jim Harkness, the Chaplain-General and the Very Rev Richard Wingfield Digby chaplain to the Rifle Brigade in May 1940, the Duke laid a wreath at the memorial followed by others including Lord Arran, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, and Sir Ewen Fergusson, British Ambassador in Paris, Field Marshal Lord Bramall and General Sir Robert Pascoe. During the playing of the Last Post the standards of the ancient cit-They are English, extremely adel of Calais were dipped in

than 60 per cent of the expeditionary force were shine the veterans reminisced killed or wounded and the rest and renewed long-lost friendships. Mr Doug Spratly, a During yesterday's short lance corporal in the Rifle and moving ceremony, pre- Brigade, was wounded during Navy. He was delighted to have met, for the first time in 50 years, the sergeant-major who had arranged transport for taking him and five of his ings, the noise from her colleagues to casualty clearance.



Smiling salute: The Duke of Edinburgh at Dover

Any mist or fog over Eng-

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tained large crowds in the Place d'Armes. The old men and their families seemed serene enough but, amid the jostling throngs of tourists, they were perhaps secretly lamenting their own lost

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youth and a time when a trip to Calais meant something altogether different. In Dover yesterday, the Duke of Edinburgh inspected some of the Little Ships used in the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Political sketch

# Saving Badger from the hunters

"A BILL to make provision for the protection of badger setts; and for connected purposes." The story so far ....

Nice Mr Badger (Lab, Newham NE) has been trying to persuade the other animals in Parliament to pass a law preventing evil badger-baiters from blocking up the entrances to his house.

But wily Sir Nicholas Tally-Ho (C, Upminster), his corpulent friend, Yaroo Soames (C, Crawley), and Jorrocks Colvin (C, Romsey & Waterside) have thwarted him. They are Tory fox hunters, an unspeakable gang who like nothing better than to block up Mr Badger's doorways - just in case cumning Mr Fox should try to hide there. They have nothing against Mr Badger, they say, but why should they let him harbour a Wanted Fox? Poor Badger! He only wants to stop people baiting Mrs B and the cubs. If the truth be known, he does detest fox-hunting and wouldn't be sorry if Par-

liament did make it harder for people like Yaroo. But that wasn't his motive, honestly; and now the hunters are wrecking his Bill. In Committee, feelings have been running high. Badger has called Yaroo "the Crawley food mountain."

Badger's friend, Jeremy Corbyn (Lab, Islington N) has accused Yaroo's grandpa of running a badger over in his car, while another has

from shooting". The story moves: to Committee Room 10, 10.30am yesterday morning. Tony "Badger" Banks is speaking

called Tally-Ho a "smelly old

farmer." Retaliating, Yaroo

has regretted that he can't

hear this because he is "deaf,

"Some people want a lot more holes stopped up, including one in Mr Soames' face which is large enough for not just a badger but a whole pack of hounds to go down." John Bowis (C, Battersea) has protested that "the debate has taken on a rather unreal air, with old ladies disappearing down holes in the ground, taking chihushuss and Rott-weilers with them;" while Banks has ruled that to injure a badger deserves punish-ment so severe that "almost nothing is suitable." His col-league, Peter Hardy (Lab, Wentworth) has proposed

surgery, without the an-aesthetic;" and the haples Home Office Minister, Peter Lloyd, is poised to resist an amendment designed to swell the prison population with innumerable badger-bailers—to face the lynch-mob, no doubt, along with sexual offenders, in the next riot.

On all sides, MPs are proposing special policemen for each constabulary, trained to handle badger-related is sues. Simon Hughes, Liberal from badger-rice Southwark, has an amend ment about filling paper bags with straw and stuffing them down badger-holes; and Soames is poised to move an amendment protecting owners of badger-hair sporrans and shaving brushes, from prosecution ...

In short, the thing has got completely out of hand. The owlish Chairman, Patrick Cormack, is near despair. Mr Corbyn shouts "on their heads will be the public anger!" And, from the direction of Mr Soames, something like "tally ho!" seems to Your sketchwriter tiptoes

out ... and in, later, to the Grand Committee room, Here, Agriculture Minister John Gummer, awaits interrogation by the Select Committee on Mad Cow Gummer did well. This is

an intelligent chap, the sort of inside left who, with nimble skill dribbles the ball through tricky resistance, then misses the goal. He soothed us with assurances that a responsible minister is scientific: does what scientists tell him - no more, no less.

He also reminded us of his ban on the feeding of rumi-nant carcasses to other ruminants - thrown in, so to speak, for good measure. No reason offered. One of those just in case" measures - you know - no particular scien-tific logic but - well, it hardly seems natural, does it? Like vegetarianism — I mean, doesn't the Bible say we should eat meat, sort of,

We left, convinced on all the scientific evidence that it was safe to eat British beef. And niggled by errant intuition, all the same, not to start quite yet. Just in case.

MATTHEW PARRIS.

### US may back UN team

THE United States may support the dispatch of United Nations observers to the Is-Gaza Strip, Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, said vesterday.

"We would be prepared to discuss a UN observer team if that comes up at the UN Security Council session," he

said. The council is expected to meet in Geneva tomorrow. Mr Baker also rebutted a claim by a spokesman for that Mr Bosh had told Mr Mubarak that the United States would accept more Soviet Jewish immigrants than planned this year. (Reuter)

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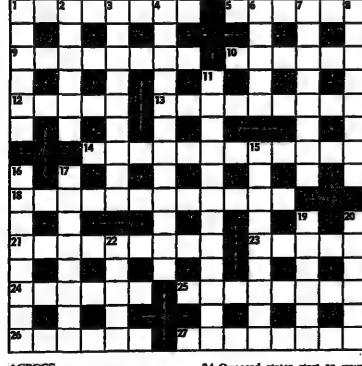
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- 5 It's rare to get caught in a panic
- 9 Revolutionary leaders in hour of need give battle (8). 10 Enchantress left inside the ring
- 12 The bird Roy takes home (5). 13 Raising capital back in London borough not the answer (9).
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3 Humbly receiving attention after the Derby, perhaps (3,2,4). 4 "Neighbours" are very familiar (2.4.6).

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17 African girl takes in Europeans 19 Uprooted American tree flat on the ground (6).

20 A woolly creature (6). 22 Try saying South Africa quickly (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard CHINCHERINCHEE a. The Apache rain god b. A church bell-ringer c. A South African flower VARE a. Empty b. The Armenian ephod VISTULA n. Vinta and fistula b. A reed stalk c. A siege catapult SLAMDANCING b. Talking nonsense c. Misleading tactics at Bridge

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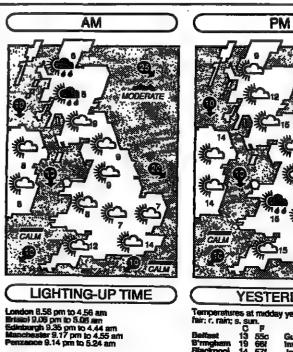
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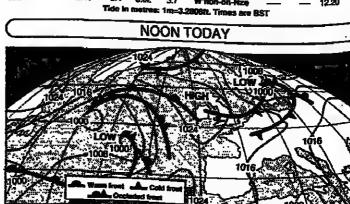
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# BUSINESS

**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

# Eagle's former auditor

EAGLE Trust, the troubled film camera and engineering conglomerate, which owes banks nearly £100 million, is to sue its former auditor, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock (Jeremy Andrews writes).

Eagle said that the damages sought would be "substantial" in view of heavy losses sustained in Eagle Express, its pancel carrier business, and La Forza, a luxury car project.

Eagle Trust issued writs against seven former directors in March alleging breach of fiduciary duty. The writ served on Peat Marwick alleges breach of contract and/or negligence. Peat Marwick denied any liability to Eagle Trust and said that it would fight the case.

The claim centres on £14,9 million treated as a loan in Eagle's 1987 accounts that the Eagle board alleges was used to fund sub-underwriting commitments in connection with its rights issue in October. It also alleges that prop-erty at Bray, Berkshire, was overvalued by £3.5 million and that the audit failed to substantiate Eagle Trust's ownership of shares in Owners Abroad worth £3.2 million.

#### Saatchi sues seven who left

Saatchi & Saatchi issued writs against the breakaway team of five former directors and two staff that last week set up a rival advertising agency. The writs, delivered to Cowan, Kemsley and Taylor's lawyers. allege breach of contract and include a claim for unspecified damages.

Mr Paul Cowan, managing director of the new agency, said last night that he and his colleagues would resist the legal action, due to be heard in

#### BAT setback

BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group, saw first-quarter pre-tax profits fall from £318 million to £231 million and net earnings fall by 36 per cent to 7.93p a share. An interim dividend is ared on May 31.

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# Writ for | Committee calls for overhaul of insider law

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor and appointments speeded A COMPLETE overhaul of the system of dealing with insider trading is needed to achieve better enforcement of the law and protect the City's reputation, the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry reports.

A more flexible system could include introducing civil remedies, used by the Securities & Exchange Commission in the US, and regulators imposing penalties on the lines of tax assessments, against which alleged insider traders would have to appeal. In a report on company investiga-tions heavily coloured by damning criticism of the DTI's treatment of the House of Fraser affair, the all-party committee unanimously concludes that DTPs record in enforcing insider trading laws in the past 10 years shows dilatoriness and blames delays in inquiries by the DTI in cases brought to it by the Stock Exchange as well as technical problems with the law.

The committee said it was astounded that it could take up to six months to appoint inspectors to investigate insider dealing cases already referred to the DTL Decisions should be taken within 21 days

and appointments speeded up, perhaps using a permanent panel of pre-vetted inspectors. Investigations on insider trading should have a time limit of three months. The report also suggests changing the burden of proof to increase the rate of convictions and the number of cases the DTI thought worth pursuing. But it acknowledged the DTI had put more effort into insider trading law over the past two or three years and had improved.

But it asks: "If it takes 10 years to start to get to grips with one offence, what can be expected of (the DTI) as new schemes of commercial malpractice are detected?" It says that the response to insider trading since it was made a criminal offence is indicative of the DTI's general attitude to its regulatory responsibilities. "Rarely can a government department's discharge of its responsibilities have been held in such low esteem among others involved," it says Mr John Redwood, Corporate Affairs Minister, said the DTI would take the 34 recommendations of the committee in a spirit of constructive criticism and give a measured response.

He will extend consultation on changes

made to implement a European Commu-nity directive. But he would not commit bimself on whether the Government would re-open the possibility of civil remedies, which Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, has not favoured. He said the new compliance systems introduced in the City to cope with the Financial Services Act had probably deterred insider trading

by making it easier to detect. The committee generally supports the system of company investigations through outside inspectors. With one dissenting voice, it rejects proposals by the Bank of England and the Securities and Investments Board, in the wake of the County NatWest report, that DTI Inspectors should confine themselves to investigating the facts and avoid judgments, which should be left to regula

This is likely to kill any moves to stop investigators making judgments in published reports, which the committee says are vital to understanding by the public and by ministers. But the Committee prests several reforms to the system. It recommends large investigations be com-

immediately, partly to clear innocent parties, unless possible prosecutions were being pursued before the report was

Inspectors should make recommendations for disciplinary or legal action where appropriate in a separate appendix to their reports, which would not be published. Those criticized by reports should be given a fixed time to respond and contested arguments should be published as an appendix to the inspectors' report.

Investigations, and company law in general should also seek to protect wider interests than just shareholders, as the regulatory system is aimed at defending the integrity of the financial system. More efforts should be made to recoup the costs of large investigations - which cost up to £1.6 million each - from those criticized. "It is especially scandalous that the taxpayer has had to pay £1.5 million for the House of Fraser inquiry."

Mr Kenneth Warren, chairman of the Committee, said recent changes in legislation, particularly the Financial Services Act and the setting up of the Serious Fraud

of corporate malpractice and that it was too early to judge their workings. The committee also praised the DTI for putting through legal changes proposed in the HoF report speedily and said it was impressed by Mr David Durie, now head of the DTI's investigations division. But it said its initial impression that the DTI is improving "has been confounded by the lack of action taken against the Fayeds following publication of the HoF report. It also suggest that in the long run, Britain may need a single authority such as the SEC.

The committee criticizes both Mr Ridley and Lord Young, the former Trade Secretary, for failing to act on the HoF report. But it has no criticism over the authority's failure to prosecute. It said charges might have been brought against the Fayed brothers, but Mr Ridley had said corroborating evidence to prove these had not been forthcoming. In a statement, House of Fraser said it was regrettable the Committee had sought fit to outline charges that might have been brought.

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# MMC blocks Kingfisher bid for Dixons

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General of Fair Trading.

KINGFISHER learned yesterday that its proposed takeover of Dixons Group would not be allowed after a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was put on sale at government action might be taken to bookshops a day early.

The merger is to be prevented on the grounds of the potential loss of competition in the sale of electrical goods which would be likely from the creation of a single group five times larger than its nearest competitor.

The blocking vindicates the campaign by Dixons to have the proposed takeover referred to the MMC, and has been accepted by all sides. After a morning of telephone calls and confusion as the report was sold early, Kingfisher offered Dixons "its best wishes for the future."

Dixons naturally welcomed the report and the acceptance by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, of its recommendations. Mr Stanley and white goods, "both di-Kalms, Dixons' chairman, said the group's paramount influence on prices and con-aim is to rebuild long term ditions of sale in the retail aim is to rebuild long term value for its shareholders.

At one point during the morning, it was not known itive process would have a whether or not Kingfisher was significant impact on com-

trying to reach a deal with the petition in the retail market, and thus on retail prices." DTI to meet some of the MMC objections. But the DTI The MMC was not consaid in its statement, rushed said in its statement, rushed vinced by Kingfisher's argu-out at lunchtime after trading ment that although the

in shares of both companies combined group would have had been suspended, that the national dominance, it would not affect competition, as the MMC had considered what purchase of electrical goods remedy or prevent the detriwas primarily a local activity. ments to competition. "It It took the view that prices at concluded no effective remlocal levels were decisively edy could be found and thereinfluenced, if not determined fore the acquisition should not by "forces at national level." be permitted. Mr Ridley's de-The Commission pointed

out that Dixons, Currys, a Dixons subsidiary, and Comet have created national chains, setting national prices and advertising their stores and There was, however, one dissenting voice on the committee of the MMC, which inproducts on a national basis. Dixons and Currys is the

largest British electrical goods retailing group. Kingfisher, Colin Baillieu, a member of through its Comet subsidiary, Lloyd's, said be was "unafraid is the second largest. The of the consequences of a Commission found the comblacd tuarket share of the two companies would be betwee 21 per cent and 26 per cent depending on the definition of efits to consumers of brown the market.

Kingfisher has already said rectly and because of its it will expand organically if the merger was stopped. After the announcement, Dixons shares fell 7p to 124p, and market generally. Removal of Kingfisher rose 3p to 311p. this rivalry from the compet-

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# Bass frees its tie on 2,400 pubs



Cantions cheer: Ian Prosser, the chairman, after announcing results yesterday

BASS. Britain's biggest brew-er, is to hive off about 2,400 pubs in its 6.800-strong tied estate to comply with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report that was designed to weaken the power of the big names in the

industry.

The group will sell the pubs or lease them free from any tie to take its products, said Mr lan Prosser, the chairman and chief executive. He added: "I don't think that this will cause significant job losses There are some significant costs." Analysts expect these to be taken as an extraordinary item below the line in the second half of the financial year.

Bass was announcing in terim pre-tax profits to end-March up from £225 million to £247 million. The dividend is raised by 2p to 9p, but this was aimed at balancing the half-way and final payments and should not be taken as an indication for the year, said Mr Prosser.

The first half saw the completion of the £1.3 billion purchase of the Holiday Inns hotel chain in the US. Earnings for the seven weeks in which it was included in the first half failed to come close to covering interest costs of

Operating profit from the pubs grew by 15 per cent, disguising a sharp regional sales in the south. A review of both brewing and pubs "con-firms that the value of Bass businesses as one group is higher than their value as stand-alone businesses," Mr Prosser said. Bass owns its biggest-selling brands, giving it close control over its busi-

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#### HMSO blames fiasco on 'hiccup' in communication Timetable of a blunder

By STEPHEN LEATHER

A "hiccup" in communication was being blamed last night receiver calls from analysts for the premature publication were flooding in to King-of a Monopolies and Mergers fisher's head office asking for Commission report details about the report.
recommending that a £568 At 11.50 am Mr John Redmillion bid by Kingfisher, the wood, Consumer Affairs Minstores group, for Dixons, the ister, who is standing in for Mr

be released by the Department Thursday. of Trade and Industry today,
of Trade and Industry today,
but was available from a fisher telephoned the Stock
London bookshop of Her Exchange warning it of the
Majesty's Stationery Office, possibility of a false market
and to ask for the shares to be

#### 9am: Report goes on sale

which publishes and sells official government informa-The first copies went on sale at the High Holborn shop at 9 am, with the manager of the DTI officially announced the tion, yesterday morning.

bookshop following the embargo written on the reports.
"It was available here at nine o'clock this morning for £9.10," a spokesman for the HMSO bookshop confirmed. Rumours the MMC had recommended the Kingfisher bid be blocked swept the stock

market. Dixons shares fell 1 lp to 120p and Kingfisher shares rose 7p to 315p in morning trading. Solicitors working for Kingfisher obtained a copy of the report at 10.30 am and an hour later Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, Kingfisher's chairman, telephoned the private office of Mr Nicholas Ridley,

the Trade Secretary, only to be

told he was in Italy and that

the report should not have

been published.

As Mr Mulcahy replaced the on Wednesday, and has writthe time and date.

electrical goods retailer, Ridley, telephoned Mr should be rejected.

Mulcahy to say that the PYTI The MMC report was due to had intended to publish on

> suspended. Twenty-five minutes later they were duly suspended. By then 5.5 million Dixons shares had changed hands and 3.5 million Kingfisher shares had been bought and sold.Significantly, not a single put option of Dixons had been traded.

> The Stock Exchange has launched an investigation, but is unlikley to decide that there was a false market as the information was obtained from a public document. All the deals done before suspen-



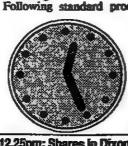
11.30am: Kingfisher informs DTI that report is on sale

MMC conclusions. The DTI has launched an investigation into the mix-up. A spokesman confirmed that Wednesday had originally intention of the Department been the release date, but last that the report be published week it had been decided to today," said a spokesman. switch to Thursday.

ten instructions confirming

"Publication was effected first thing this morning," said the HMSO spokesman. "This is in accordance with plans previously agreed with the DTL There appears to have been a last minute communication hiccup which we are investigating. I haven't been able to get to the bottom of it, but obviously something has gone wrong.

Following standard proce-



#### 12.25pm: Shares in Dixons and Kinglisher suspended

dure, the reports were stored in restricted areas and sealed in boxes clearly marked with the embargo date - 9 am, Wednesday May 23.

In all 2,000 copies were printed, of which 400 were released via Holborn. By 4 pm Holborn had sold 330 copies. Others were sent by Datapost to Stationery Office shops in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh and Manchester. Copies also went to interested parties and Parliament. It has been speculated that

one possibe reason for the mix-up was that the DTI had telephoned to change the re-

But the DTI insisted the release date was definitely Thursday. "It was not the

"But we became aware that HMSO insists it was told by it was on sale at an HMSO the DTI to release the report bookshop."

#### More bad trade figures worry City

By RODNEY LORD ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE trade deficit fell from £2.09 billion to £1.78 billion last month. The City saw the deficit as the second bad figure in a row and sterling, shares and gilts all dipped initially. By the close, the FT-SE 100

index was down 23.9 points at 2.287.4 and gilts by about half a point. Sterling, however, revived on continued speculation about British entry to the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, closing 0.1 higher at 89.0. It was up 20 points at \$1.6935 after topping \$1.70 and 58 points at DM2.8298.

Exports rose £274 million to £8.67 billion and imports fell £32 million to £10.45 billion. Invisible trade was estimated to be in balance, leaving a current account deficit the same as the trade deficit at £1.78 billion, compared with a downwards revised figure of £2.09 billion in March.

Economists pointed out that nearly all the improvement came from erratic items such as ships, aircraft and precious stones. The surplus on oil rose from £164 million to £210 million. Excluding oil and erratic

items, the volume of exports in the three months to April was ½ per cent higher than in the previous three months and 11 per cent up on the same period a year earlier. Imports on the same basis were 2 per cent higher than in the pre-vious three months and 3 per cent up on a year earlier.

Taking the first four months of the year together, the deficit has been running at an annual rate of nearly £22 billion compared with the Budget forecast of £15 billion.

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# RHM stock falls after profits alert

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profits of £176.5 million on a

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from food services (£9.8 mil-

Manor Bakeries, the packaged

RHM adds that there was a

small decline in wrapped

bread consumption and con-

tinuing competitive market

Overall, British Bakeries

held market share and gained

leadership of the brown bread

market following the launch of

investment in tamper-evident

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RANKS Hovis McDougall share, which will be payable saw its shares tumble by 38p July 13. to 360p yesterday on a warning by Mr Stanley Metcalfe, chairman, that "full-year profsince March 3 to hand, Mr Metcalfe says that results after its are unlikely to achieve the interest for the first eight

record level of 1989." RHM said that interim pretax profits were only barely of last year." Hence, his changed at £81.7 million (£81.5 million) on sales of £919.3 million (£893.4 million) because of the impact of year, RHM reported pre-tax high interest rates and the knock-on effects of the mild £1.79 billion turnover.

There was also increased profits for the half year show competition in its markets. advances by grocery products. Trading in Britain, was, therefrom £18.8 million to £24.9 fore, merely similar to the same period last year.

Overseas companies did lion against £12.1 million), well, but RHM saw mixed and a setback from £9.1 million to £8 million for fortunes in its various divisions. In addition, the group has accounted for a £2.1 million extraordinary loss because of the re-call of a Mr Kipling product after a contamination incident.

RHM's interim interest charge rose from £12.4 million to £19.9 million. The figure compares with last year's total interest charge of £26.6 million.

The £188 million proceeds from the sale of its 70 per cent stake in Cerebos Pacific was received on April 20, and the sum will help to reduce gearing and facilitate the development of group interests in Europe, including Britain, and

the United States. The group is holding its interim dividend at 3.82p a company said.

#### Outhwaite investors must find extra £76m

INVESTORS in the two troubled 1982 RHM Outhwaite insurance syndicates at Lloyd's must come up with another £76 million by July 23 to meet massive losses stemming from a continuing flood of asbestosis and pollution With the benefit of trading

claims from the US. The 1.614 names on twin syndicates 371 and 661, who months of the current finanhave paid out £91.8 million cial year are "similar to those towards the losses, face two additional payouts of £13.1 profits warning about likely million each in 1991 and 1993 bringing the total cash calls In the previous full financial to £196 million.

Mr Edward Bloxham, the Outhwaite chief executive, said provisions for expected claims were cut from the £76 million estimated at the end of 1988 to £26.2 million, half of which has to be paid next year. This is mainly as a result of the reduction of liabilities through negotiated settlements with 16 of the 32 syndicates from which Outhwaite took on the non-marine

Individual names will have paid £82,400 each for every £20,000 of business traded on their behalf, with £12,000 more outstanding.

"We perceive a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel as a result of the slowdown in the rate of deterioration," said Mr Richard Outhwaite, the underwriter.

But Mr Peter Nutting, chairnan of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, which is suing Outhwaite and 80 members agents for alleged negligence, said: "Things are not going to get better, they can only get worse. The rate of deterioration is slowing, but the ship is still sinking.

# Courtaulds rises to £168m



Top trio: Sipko Huismans, centre, managing director of Courtanids, yesterday with Richard Lapthorne, left, finance director, and Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman

year, according to Sir Christopher Hoge, chairman of Courtaulds, the paints and chemicals producer, which

THE long-overdue rationaliz- has just demerged its garment million last year, £8 million up ation of the European acrylic making operations (Jeremy fibre industry is likely this Andrews writes). Courtanids has decided to "reduce its exposure" to acrylic fibres.

The slimmed-down group made pre-tax profits of £168

on the previous year. Earnings per share were 32p, up 13 per cent. The final dividend is 8p, as promised in February.

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# Optimism over mortgages

By LINDSAY COOK, FAMILY MONEY EDITOR

mortgage offers have been start of 1991, and to continue launched at interest rates range a downwards trend until the ing from 12.95 per cent to next General Election. 13.95 per cent, and more are

Lenders have taken advanrates, which were temporarily brought about by City optimism on hopes of an imminent entry into the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. Building societies and other lenders are also expecting variable mortgage rates to

on the way.

NUMEROUS fixed-rate fall at the end of the year or the employment insurance, which First Mortgage Securities

has announced an 18-month fixed-rate loan at 12.95 per tage of cheaper money market cent, with the option of a further fixed-rate loan at attractive pre-election rates in December 1991 (assuming a spring 1992 General Election) or a variable rate loan.

The £100 million worth of mortgages carry compulsory accident, sickness and un-

£5,095m

£231m

works out at 2.75 per cent of the amount borrowed. The annual percentage rate is 14.1

TSB is offering mortgages fixed for three years at 13.5 per cent, an APR of 14.6 per cent on endowment loans. Other fixed-rate packages have been launched by Yorkshire Building Society, Birmingham Midshires Building Society, Northern Rock, Norwich and Peterborough, and Britannia Building Society.

# **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

Countryside profits plunge 64% to £4m

COUNTRYSIDE Properties, the Essex housebuilder and commercial developer, suffered a 64 per cent fall in profits from £11.1 million to £4 million in the half year to March and turnover also shrank by 39 per cent to £27.9 million. However, sales of speculatively-built houses held up well and the setback was mainly due to a reduction in housebuilding in partnership with housing associations and building societies and the fact that no major office developments were completed during the period. The interim dividend is to go

up by 9 per cent to 1.41p. Housing turnover fell from £31.3 million to £22.7 million. but the bulk of the downturn was in partnership housing where sales halved. Gross profits in the residential division fell from £9.7 million to £5.1 million, while the commercial division slumped to £930.000 (£3.9 million).

#### Isopad slips to £2.06m

ISOPAD International, the heat control equipment manufacturer, has blamed provisions on certain contracts" for a drop in pre-tax profits from £2.5 million to £2.06 million for the year to end-January. Turnover was up 30 per cent to £17 million, but earnings per share fell to 9.5p (12.2p). The total dividend is 5.5p (5p). More provisions are not expected.

#### Court rejects report plea

AN APPLICATION by the Manx government to publish the confidential Chadwick Report which investigated the collapse of the Savings and Investment Bank in 1982 was refused in the Manx High Court But permission was given for it to be released confidentially to all members of the island's parliament and to legal representatives of depositors.

### Whessoe ahead 78%

THE decision to withdraw from offshore module construction and heavy engineering fabrication in Britain continued to reap dividends at Whessoe, the Darlington engineer, with a 78 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.71 million in the halfyear to end-March.

The interim dividend is increased by 0.5p to 1.75p, in part to ensure a more even spread over the year. The enginee division more than doubled profits, from £957,000 to £2.29 million, although the timing of various contracts last year depressed profits from instrumentation and control from £566,000 to £421,000.

#### Solicitor granted bail

MR MARTIN Isaacs, aged 33, of Marlborough Hill, St John's Wood, London, the solicitor charged with manipulating share prices after sudden changes in the Williams Holdings price last November, was yesterday remanded on bail by Bow Street magistrates pending medical reports. The case has been adjourned until

#### Brent Walker sells brewery

BRENT Walker has agreed in principle to sell the Tolly Cobbold Cliff Quay Brewery at Ipswich, Suffolk, in a management buyout. Adjoining the brewery will be a museum, public house and restaurant. Brent Walker, which will retain a stake in the brewery, intends the rest of the six-acre site to be a mixed commercial and

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#### Marconi cable stake

MARCONI, the defence electronics subsidiary of GEC, is expanding into the fast-growing UK cable television market with a £6.8 million investment in Sheffield Cable Media, a British-funded consortium bidding for the Sheffield, South Yorkshire, franchise.

SCM, which finds out next week if it has won the franchise, is competing against seven others, backed by US and Canadian cable and telephone companies, for the area reaching 500,000 people. Marconi has taken a 20 per cent stake in SCM, and said it was currently talking to other cable. companies, "some with franchises, some without."

### Land Secs raises asset value despite slump in property

By MATTHEW BOND

PROPERTY values in the compensated for by modest City of London fell by 2.75 per rises in the values of shops and cent in the year to March, but Land Securities, Britain's biggest property company, has Hunt, industrial property was increased its net asset value by

2.1 per cent. With the gloom over the commercial property sector seemingly darkening by the day, many observers had ex-pected Land Securities to report a fall in net assets yesterday. That it did not do so prompted a 5p rise in the company's share price to 500p, sparting similar rises in other

property investment shares. Mr Peter Hunt, chairman of Land Securities, expects that the property market will pull itself out of its current trough. "I believe you can just begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

Mr Hunt believes that most of property's current difficulties are due to high interest rates rather than any perma-nent imbalance of demand and supply, and expects confidence to return when interest rates start to fall

The value of the Land Securities' portfolio has been estimated by Knight Frank & Rutley, the property agent, at £5.61 billion at the end of March, up £400 million. Only £84.6 million of that

offices in the West End and in the regions. According to Mr the star performer, with an increase of 8.5 per cent.

Helped by this revaluation, shareholders' funds have risen to £4.43 billion. On a fully diluted basis, net assets per share rose to 867p.

There was a far bigger increase in pre-tax profits, up 17.3 per cent to £175 million. Net rents and interest receivable of £286 million covered total interest charges of £111 million 2.6 times. A final dividend of 12.25p makes 17p (14.4p) total

The company's gearing, said Mr Hunt, was under 28 per cent. It is 10 years since Land Securities gave up capitalizing part of the interest paid on building its developments.

"We simply didn't have to any more," Mr Hunt recalled. Capitalizing interest lies behind most of the cash-flow problems currently affecting property developers.

The Land Securities development programme extends to more than I million so ft of new offices, including the 170,000 sq ft Grand Buildings development at Trafalgar Square. Despite last year's fall increase came about through in property values, the com-rises in value. Falls in the pany also has five developvalue of City property were ments within the Square Mile.

### Advertising success **boosts Yorkshire**

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

SHARES in Yorkshire Televi- up 7.8 per cent compared with sion, one of the big five ITV contractors, rose 6p to 242p after it claimed to be winning an increasing share of national advertising revenue.

Yorkshire, which reported a 6.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £11.08 million for the six months to end-March, said its share of national advertising revenue is now 8.8 per cent compared with 8.5 per cent this time last year.

Revenue in the second quarter declined by 3.07 per cent compared with an overall decline across ITV of 4.04 per cent and Mr Clive Leach, the

7 per cent for the network. Interim turnover rose by 11.1 per cent, mainly through increased sales of dramas. particularly abroad, where sales rose from £1.02 million to £7.11 million.

This resulted in an increase in programme costs from £33 million to £43 million. Staff costs, however, were reduced from £19.5 million to £17.9 million. Mr Leach said programme costs will be "back down to their normal levels" in the second half.

Earnings per share rose from 18.3p to 19.3p, while the managing director, said interim dividend is un-April's advertising revenue is changed at 3.3p.

# "I expect solid progress in a transitional year." Patrick Sheehy, Chairman THREE MONTHS RESULTS Three months to March Change 89-90 £1=\$1.65 at 31.3.90 (\$1.61 at 31.12.89)

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- Exceptional combination of factors at Eagle Star severe weather underwriting losses and lower stock market values led to reduction in pre-tax profit.
- Financial services: strong underlying business growth from Farmers, Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar - good increases in general and new life annual premiums.
- Tobacco: year started with a strong performance from the Group's tobacco businesses - trading profit up 12 per cent boosted by continued growth in export markets.
- Demerger and disposal programme almost completed proceeds from disposals show Group's success in realising full value for shareholders from excellent businesses.
- "The first quarter will not be representative of the year as a whole", commented Patrick Sheehy. "I expect the Group to make solid progress in a transitional year."
- Special May Board Meeting to consider earlier dividend payment dates.



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rad the recommendation of the Monopones and the gers Commission on the attempted takeover not been such a foregone conclusion, fortunes could have made and lost yesterday morning. The incredible incompetence of the combined forces of the Department of Trade and Industry and the government Stationery Office over the publication of the commission report gave three clear hours in which the well informed investor could have profited over his ignorant counterpart. From 9am until the shares were suspended at lunchtime, there were some that knew and many that didn't.

The Stock Exchange, once told about the problem, acted with commendable speed. But the question which is not even being considered at this stage is whether or not there was a false market in the shares of the two companies. (In this particular instance, "false" is the wrong word. Probably it should be called a "knowing" market). Trade in Dixons shares was brisk as the shares sank 11p during the course of the morning. The

# Kingfisher denied the tastiest morsel

analysts were working on rumour, but there must have been some people in the market who knew. It is not only solicitors who employ an agent to turn up at the Stationery Office every morning, sharp at 9am, to see whether there's anything worth buying. If anyone feels upset by the lopsided nature of the trading, they should ask the Stock Exchange to consider ordering the deals to be unwound. They

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will not do so, of course. Another uncertain aspect of the share dealings is whether or not those who traded on the basis of knowledge of the commission recommendations could be classed as insiders. The answer is probably not, since the information was available to everybody

with £9.10 to spend. The decision of Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, to accept the commission recommendations as they stand was not difficult for him to arrive at. The creation of a new retail grouping

#### COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

in electrical goods five times the size of its nearest rival could not by any stretch of the imagination be expected to pass the simple scrutiny of a commission bent on defending the public interest, especially when there are so few mitigating factors. Kingfisher will now take up "plan B", and expand by organic growth, and instead of having Dixons in its arms as a partner, will have it in its sights as its prime competitor.

The two are unlikely to continue to bash each other's margins in an all-out price war. Competitors less grown-up than Geoffrey Mulcahy of Kingfisher and Stanley Kalms of Dixons have learned to pitch their level of competition with such precision that it obliterates the little

men while leaving their own businesses intact. Both need to make money in a soggy retailing market, and since Kingfisher has little to gain by weakening Dixons through hitting its bottom line, the consumer is likely to pay more in any case. But that does not make the

### Digging deep

commission wrong.

urotunnel chief executive Alastair Morton used a Claridge's luncheon hosted by Reader's Digest to repeat in public a long-held personal view that total cross-Channel traffic, when the tunnel is open for business, will be far greater than leaders of the banking consort-

forecasts prepared independently for the group's bankers. He has spoken in similar vein before, basing his contention on the two points - the preference for caution which underlies a banker's approach to project finance, and the phenomenon known to transport economists as "created traffic"— or more popularly as The M25 Effect. But on this occasion, Morton's timing is interesting.
In a couple of weeks, the

group's bankers and shareholders will receive a fresh set of traffic forecasts along with details of plans for the crucial final financing which is intended to see the exercise through to

completion and launch. Eurotunnel remains deeply silent on what the new forecasts will reveal, which is clearly potentially price sensitive. But Morton's re-statement of one of his essential articles of faith will clearly be welcomed by the

ium which will be working hard to complete the £2 billion loan syndication by the antumn. For those involved are anticipating some resistance, especially overseas where the highly-visible battles earlier this year between Eurotunnel and Transmanche-Link, the construction consortium, have raised some concerns. In Japan especially, things are not done this way.

So far, those of Eurotunnel's forecasts which can be tested by events, for example projections of cross-channel traffic ahead of the tunnel opening have been shown to be cautious. But the created traffic effect, while almost certain to be significant, is almost impossible to quantify. In the South-east, almost every motorist has his own anecdotal

testimony to the M25 effect. Morton also made the point that the Government decision on public funding for a fast rail link from the tunnel to London has no impact on forecasts. Even if it goes ahead, the link will have no benefit for some years and in present value terms, makes a negligible impact on revenue pro-

#### THE Government yesterday Never mind announced another recordbreaking set of export figures. The City greeted them with The key to this paradox is not hard to find - the City was

looking at the import figures. Even so the performance of exports is impressive and should not be overlooked in the general gloom over a deficit which if anything seems to be widening. In most circumstances a consistent increase in the volume of exports of more than 10 per cent would be cause for cele-

What worries the City is the continuing growth of imports and the implication that domestic demand is still growing too fast. Mr Nigel Lawson, when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, drew a distinction between deficits which were caused by inflationary pressures in the economy and those reflecting normal flows of capital into countries where investment opportunities were growing faster than domestic savings.

There was nothing wrong with capital surpluses of this kind - the West would never have been won without them - and the current account deficits with which they were associated could be sustainable for long periods. This analysis has been at least partly accepted by many economists, including the staff of the International Monetary

Britain's deficit, bowever, looks much more like one of the first kind. Imports which failed. should have been scarcely growing after a prolonged period of high interest rates are still increasing by 3 per cent in volume terms, excluding oil and erratic items such as ships, aircraft and precious

Imports of capital goods, which this time last year were growing strongly to help sustain the investment boom, grew by only 1 per cent in slowdown. volume during the past three months compared with the same period a year ago. Consumer goods (other than cars) were, by contrast, growing at a rate of 5 per cent - despite a consumer squeeze which has now been in place for more than 18 months.

The reaction has been sharp the squeeze on incomes is even from some economists being gradually relaxed by

the exports, look at the

import bill



who have generally supported high pay settlements which the Government's strategy. Mr Peter Spencer of Shearson Lehman Humon, the securities house, called the period of high interest rates "a hug rather than a squeeze," and noted that the squeeze has

Taken literally, this is hardly true. Consumer spending has slowed down consid- mechanism of the European erably from the rapid expan- Monetary System. The oppsion of 1988. The housing ortunity for a tighter fiscal market, which did so much to fuel the boom, has ground to a halt as recent failures among housebuilding companies tespression of a continuing

Some further tightening of domestic demand is expected. to show through during the next month or two as the effect of higher mortgage rates impinges on those borrowers whose mortgages are only

raised once a year in April. But the City is worried that

put money back in consumers' pockets. In that sense the peak effect of high interest rates may already have passed. Some economists, including

Mr Spencer, draw the conclusion that there is only one thing left which the Government can do, which is to hitch the pound to the exchange rate policy has passed with the Budget. A further rise in interest rates is practically inconceivable because of its effect on mortgage rates so close to the next general election and because the pound is buoyed up by the imminent prospect of ERM

Foreign exchange markets yesterday were certainly looking more to the possibility of Britain joining the ERM than at the trade figures. Despite a brief reaction when the figures were published sterling quickly recovered to finish the day in London up 0.1 on its

shares and gilt-edged securi-ties took a dimmer view,

ending lower on the day. A gradual rise in sterling might do more than anything else to head off high pay settlements by convincing companies that they would not be bailed out by a fall in the pound. The Government's commitment to a strong pound is still on trial after the vicissitudes of the past seven months. ERM membership would convince many a doubting industrialist.

Meanwhile it is taking a long time to narrow the trade gap because of the position we are starting from. Import volume may be growing at little more than a quarter the rate of exports. But imports are already substantially more than exports. The result is that the difference between the two is not falling very quickly.

Taking the first four months together, the deficit is running at an annual level of £22 billion — even more in money terms than last year and well above the Budget forecast of £15 billion. Both imports and exports are growing faster

In the Budget, the Treasury forecast volume growth in imports during 1990 of about l per cent which has so far been turning out at about 3 per cent. For exports, the Treasury forecast growth of 8% per cent which is turning out at 11 per cent.

Expectations have also been upset by invisibles, for which a surplus of 1.5 billion was forecast, rather than the zero figure currently projected by the Central Statistical Office. The first real figures will The immediate outlook for

the balance of payments is difficult. If there is any comfort to be derived it is in Britain's export performance. Industry appears to have been more successful in redirecting its output to sales overseas than during previous periods of domestic economic slowdown. Consistent volume increases of more than 10 per cent are better than at any time during the 1980s. There may have been some underlying supply-side improve-ment in industry's flexibility

and efficiency after all. **Rodney Lord** 

#### **TEMPUS**

### BAT stumbles on some bad luck

AFTER a spell of hardly put-ting a foot wrong, BAT Indust-ries ran out of luck in the quarter to March as worse-thanexpected insurance knock-ons and severely dented investment returns cut pre-tax profits by 27 per cent and net earn-

ings by 36 per cent.

The market shares the view that the first-quarter outcome. with pre-tax profit at £231 million, against £318 million, was bad luck rather than bad management, and, year-on-year, that further profits progress will be seen. However, BAT has some catching up to do, and if earlier year-end forecasts were at £1.92 billion (compared with a notional £1.79 billion) they have now been trimmed to £1.87 billion.

The unbundling goes on, and should be finished later this year, when expected rises in motor premiums should help to arrest underwriting losses at Eagle Star, which

totalled £115 million. With Hoviake off its back final costs of the fight, to be taken in the second quarter, should be below £100 million - BAT is to press ahead with development of financial services interests. Meanwhile,

dividends a year will continue to be paid, and the payment timetable will be shortened. The first interim is to be declared on May 31, and a year's

total of 334p net seems likely. BAT shares, at 684p, down 8p, go ex Wiggins Teape shortly and yield a prospective 7.1 per cent. The prospective p/e ratio is 8.6, which puts them on a rating not much better than a pure composite. BAT's share buy-in pro-gramme should resume once authority is re-granted shortly. On the view that the shares look cheap, ordinary investors can usefully put them on their buying lists, too.

#### Bass

THE jury may stay out over its £1.3 billion US purchase of Holiday Inn, but Bass has demonstrated the strength of its core brewing business over here with a 27 per cent rise in operating profits and a near 2.5 per cent jump in volumes. Its response to the Monopolies Commission has been

prompt. Analysts reckon the

leaving about 4,400. Within that total, the proportion of managed houses looks set to rise from about half. Bass interim pre-tax profits

were a little below best expectations at £247 million, up 10 per cent. The surprise was a sharp rise in interest payments, from £24 million to £71 million, after heavy investment and the Holiday Inns purchase but before the £300 million sale of most of the Crest hotel chain,

More details on Holiday Inns at the seminars planned early next month would be welcome. Until then the shares, selling at just short of 10 times prospective earnings assuming pre-tax profits in the £550 million area, look to be up with events.

#### Courtaulds

IT IS a shade puzzling why shares in Courtaulds took the announcement of its results for the year to March so badly. After an initial 2p rise to 240p, they swung round to close 10p lower at 328p, after 323p. Yet,

obacco generally goes well.

One positive aspect of the Hoylake affair is that three dividends a year well arm's length will be sold million better the million bette February in connection with the demerger of its former garment business, Courtaulds Textiles, and earnings topped the expected 31p by a penny.

One theory is that the stock is now followed by chemicals analysts who had misread the runes due to their lack of familiarity with the company. However, surely they could not have expected the forecast by Courtaulds to have been more than 5 per cent off beam inst six weeks before its yearend? Equally, while the £23 million benefit from the adoption of SSAP 24 swamps the £8 million rise in profits over 1988-89, this was disclosed at the time of the forecast.

More convincing is the suggestion that the chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, is lining up a major acquisition to coincide with the withdrawl of Courtaulds from its unremunerative acrylics business. With profits of £187 million and earnings of 351/2p in prospect. the shares are on a p/c ratio of 9, which is reasonable in view of the company's strong pos-

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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY



#### Hard times hit **Square Mile**

CITY salaries have almost halved, in real terms, during the past two years. So says the head of an expanding securi-ties firm in the Square Mile, who has been been looking through dozens of job applications in recent months. He calculates that while salaries for both analysts and salesmen can range from less than £20,000 for a trainee to more than £100,000 for an exceptional performer, someone of average experience and ability is likely to earn a basic salary of about £55,000. "That sum really hasn't changed at all during the past two or three years," he tells me, requesting that he remain anonymous for obvious reasons. "But what has changed is the level of bonuses paid. Before the crash bonuses of 100 per cent or more, of basic salary, were quite common. These days the average figure must be about 25 per cent." That means that gross City salaries have fallen from £110,000 to £68,000 - a decline of 42 per cent. But that is very much an average figure. Not all firms, it seems, have the desire or need to thus cut costs. SG Warburg, which has had such a lucrative year in its corporate department with the restructuring of Gateway alone thought to have explained that they planned to netted something like £20 make Andy Capp himself the million in fees — that its star of the campaign, and to bonus, due to be declared on

June 4, is expected to be

cent already paid at Christ- going to turn Andy into a to securities salesmen, have mas. "Warburg's still has the yuppie," he protests. "He was been secretly keeping a diary mas. "Warburg's still has the biggest market share in London, but BZW is snapping at its heels - and it's deter-mined to keep its staff," my informant explains.

BARCLAYCARD, priding itself on being used in more places than any of its competitors, was put to the test recently when a cardholder found himself in a tight corner in Paraguay. Tim Attridge, a farming consultant from Hor-sham, went to visit an old friend who had been languishing without charge for three years in a jail. Asked for identification, and temporarily without his passport, he presented his Visa card and was instantly allowed in -prompting Barclaycard to claim: "We are accepted in more Paraguayan prisons than certain other charge cards we could mention."

#### Andy capped

THE slick ad-men from J Walter Thompson, who were signed up last year by Newcastle City Council, to change its "Andy Capp image" for a £1 million fee spread out over three years, have run up against old-fashioned Northern conservatism with their first formal proposal. Putting their proposition to the council, they change his flat-cap image. But Capp's Hartlepool creator, bewieen 75 and 100 per cent. Reg Smythe, will have none of And that is on top of the 25 per it. "There's no way they are line when it comes to listening

never meant to be a hero, just funny. For Andy to take his cap off would be the same as Maggie Thatcher wearing a mini-skirt."

ST GEORGE must be turning

#### Dragon man

in his grave . . . for the chairman of a Japanese bank has just been installed as chairman of the City branch of the Royal Society of St George, a fiercely patriotic body whose stated aims include "keeping" if VISITORS to Whead office in Ho fresh" the memory of those who have served England or ward before dialling on their the Commonwealth in the mobile phones, it will, for past, and "furthering English once, have nothing to do with past, and "furthering English interests everywhere." The new incumbent, John Cunnbulk of his career - 40 years was spent at Courts & Co, the upper crust British bank. "But the Japanese are very support-ive of this sort of thing," he indigestion, and determined now to track down the cause, bemused when I tell them about it, however, and I will probably have to explain who St George is and what he did."

#### Trying their best

FEW City financiers, no matter how silver-tongued, have not tripped over their own words at one time or another. Anyone who thinks otherwise should speak to the fund managers at Meridian who, clearly with a little time on their hands, and in the front

of what they consider to be the worst stockbroking faux pax. Anonymous, to spare their broking colleagues any additional embarrassment, the still-expanding collection includes such gems as: "The average growth is above av-erage" and "The dollar should not be where it is now, it should be somewhere else."

IF VISITORS to W H Smith's

head office in Holbein Place,

are seen to be looking heaven-

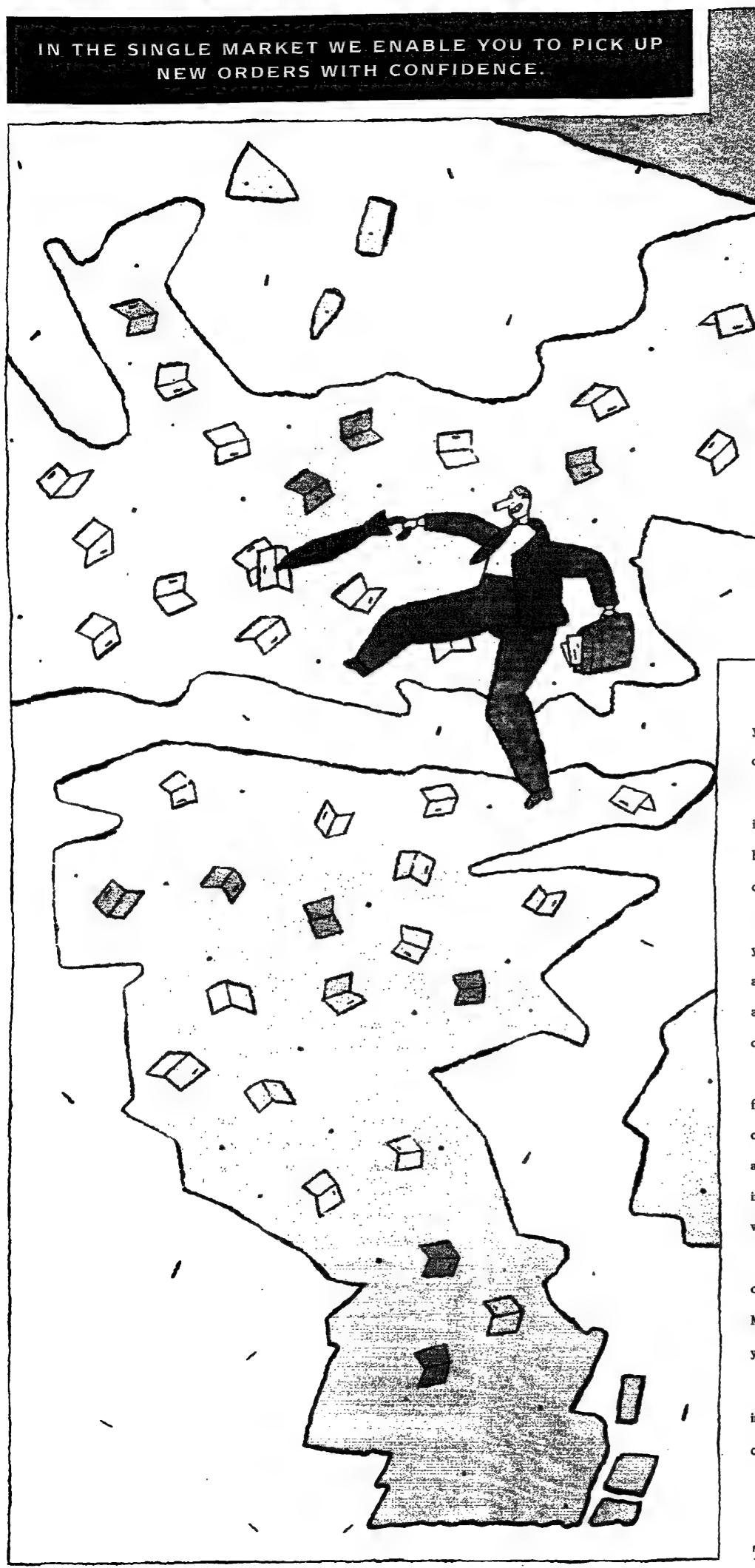
difficulties in obtaining a line. The company has been ingham, aged 63, who runs plagued in recent weeks by a Nikko Bank in Britain, is spate of false fire alarms, with quick to point out that the one such alarm being raised in the midst of luncheon yesterday, causing the building to be evacuated. Suffering from insists. "They will be a bit an insider tells me it turned out to be some hapless individual who was using his portable phone beneath a smoke detector and inadvertently activating the alarm. "We've already been in touch with British Telecom and various other experts but none of them can explain exactly why this occurs," says my source. "We are now having to advise everyone who enters the building to check the ceiling before using

Carol Leonard

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# Japanese consortium aims to launch into space race

electronics companies has its rivals. been formed to compete for a slice of the world's satellite

Japan's fledgeling space in-switch to the home-made dustry out of government rival. The recent explosion hands, and eventually to com-pete with the established agencies like France's Arianespace and others in America, the Soviet Union and China.

Rocket Systems, the ten-tative name for the new consortium, will be incorporated on July 5 under the leadership of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan's big-gest aircraft manufacturer. It expects its first launch in

But Mitsubishi admits that

Loan rates

'hit plans

to invest'

HIGH interest rates have

curbed investment by small

companies to the greatest

extent since 1979, according

to a survey by the Confedera-

tion of British Industry. About

27 per cent of smaller comp-

anies have cited the cost of

finance as the main restraint

on investment spending.

man of the CBI's Smaller

Firms Council, said that cont-

inuing erosion of business

confidence had an adverse

effect on investment inten-

tions. Of 700 companies ques-

tioned, 35 per cent were less

optimistic, with only 14 per

Nobo stock falls

Shares in Nobo Group

slumped 47p to 125p after the visual aids and office equip-

ment manufacturer had ter-

Bett's setback Pre-tax profits in Bett Brothers, the property developer, fell from £1.6 million to £1.5

million for the six months to

February. The half-year divi-

Ambrit International, the oil

and gas group, made a pre-tax loss of £1.3 million for the

year to December - similar to the previous year's loss.

group, saw pre-tax profits slip to £1.16 million (£1.3 million)

in the half-year to February on sales of £13.9 million (£9.8

million). The interim divi-

Architect down

Tribble Harris, the architect

saw pre-tax profits fall from \$2.6 million to \$1.16 million

in the year to November. The

total dividend is beld at 3.2

cents out of earnings of 6.37 cents (loss of 9.14 cents).

Again, there is no dividend.

from 6.61p to 6.51p.

Ambrit loss

Profits slip

dend stays at 2.1p.

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cent more optimistic.

led to a full bid.

Mr Tom O'Connor, chair-

A CONSORTIUM of some of that Japan's likely challenger ogy. The H-2's predecessor, Japan's largest industrial and will probably be pricier than the H-1, was a McDonnell

But Japanese companies, who presently use Ariane rockets, made by Arianespace, Its aim will be to take part of for their satellite launches may over the Atlantic of an Ariane rocket carrying two Japanese communications satellites may have accelerated the de-

cision to form the consortium. Analysis in Tokyo expect the demand for commercial satellite launchings in the second half of the 1990s to be 15 to 20 a year.

Rocket Systems is pinning its fortunes on the homegrown H-2 rocket, the centrepiece of Japan's bid to join the elite club of nations with independent space technol-

But all has not gone well with the H-2. An engine test late last year that burned down the test centre was the latest of a string of embarrassing hitches.

However, if it does get off the ground in 1993 as planned, the H-2 will be able to put into orbit satellites weighing up to 2.2 tonnes — the same as Ariane 4 and competitive with the 2.4 tonnes of the US space shaule

Japan's space programme started in 1955 with a 12-inch

five years it has earned credit for its work analysing Halley's Cornet and later this decade it is due to join Space Station Freedom, the international

project led by the US. In March, Japan joined the US and Soviet Union in sending a spacecraft to the moon. Japan's basketball-sized satellite was the first to visit the moon since an unmanned Soviet craft landed on the surface in 1976. But Japanese scientists are

still working with limited funds — Japan's annual space The move into commercial budget is less than one-tenth satellite launching is part of America's. However, the Japan's growing interest in the money being made available is growing fast. Last year the government finally sanctioned long-term development of an rocket that flew to a height of independent manned space

# in US commercial property

THE state of the US com- and factories. Many of the billion worth of Citicorp's mercial property market will

Mr Burland East, property analyst with Bateman Eichler Hill Richards, the Los Angeles broker, said: "New England, where Citicorp has the most exposure, has not yet hit the bottom. The state has had a liquidity crisis and several banks have had to be rescued by the Government. Values

developments were funded by the now collapsing Savings & Loans institutions equivalent of British building societies - during the unregulated boom era of former President Ronald Reagan.

Texas is now thought to be

corporate and guaranteed debt on Tuesday, a severe blow to the bank's prestige and a move that will also cost it substan tially more in borrowing costs. Moody's said it believes Citicorp is vulnerable to the

erty market. Banks have aiready been told to tighten what they lend to the property sector, thus starving developers of further

But they are presently unable to sell properties when they foreclose on loans.

matter how cheap it is, it is only of use to someone with two left arms," said Mr East.

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**OFT** to compare competing insurance schemes

House warranty inquiry

Public first: Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of the Office of Fair Trading

A MONOPOLIES and Mergers Commission inquiry into warranty schemes for new houses has been ordered by Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading.

Sir Gordon said that he wanted to ensure the public interest is being served by the present arrangements for the two existing warranty plans on offer to buyers of new homes.

The two schemes to be examined are Buildmark, issued by the National House Building Council, and Foundation 15, available from a subsidiary of Municipal Mu-

The Office of Fair Trading said its main concern centres on a National House Building Council rule.

"Builders registered with them [the council] must submit all their new homes - with some minor exceptions — for

the Buildmark scheme. "If they want to try a competing scheme they must either do so in addition to Buildmark or deregister from the council and not use the

Buildmark scheme at all." Sir Gordon said that he wanted to make it clear that this reference is not an attack on the principle of house warranty schemes.

"A house is the most expenrive purchase a consumer is likely to make and if the house is newly-constructed there is a

clear need for the buyer to have the assurance it was built to good standards, was independently inspected and there will be protection if

less develop," he said.
"But it is important alternative schemes should be able to compete."

structural problems neverthe-

The National House Building Council welcomed the

Mr Basil Bean, the chief executive, said: "The council has been quietly doing its work with such success that few now remember the early 1960s when a huge public outery about the quality of house

building led to debates in

**Trimoco** results halved to £3.8m

By MARTIN WALLER

THE hard times in the motor trade are highlighted by pretax profits from Trimoco virtually halved in the year to end-March from £7.51 million

to £3.81 million. But the company, which is about 25 per cent owned by Jameel Group, the new Saudia Arabian owner of Hartwell, the car dealership, is main-taining its full-year dividend at 1.4p with a final of 0.8p.

There is no sign of an upturn yet for the industry. "The feeling is very strong that it's said Mr Duncan Naughten, development director.

Trimoco is already seeing orders for August delivery. when the next set of number plates are issued, indicating that some customers are deferring their purchases.

The worst damage during the last year was done by higher interest payments, which almost doubled from £2.21 million to £4.16 million. These in part related to the decision to buy in the group's leasehold properties during the previous financial year.

· Trading profits from the £7.27 million to £6.17 million, while property earnings were down from £2.44 million to £1.79 million. Included in this last figure was about £500,000 made from property trading, a decline from about £1.4 million last time.

Mr Roger Smith, the chairman, said the group continued to trade profitably from almost all its outlets.

The shares, depressed along with most other motor dealers' by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the industry, were unchanged at 17½p.

# Analysts expect further falls

From Philip Robinson, in los angeles

deteriorate before improving, according to analysts studying the credit downgrading of Citicorp, America's largest

are falling and people just can't sell what they've got in an attempt to cover their deteriorating national prop-

over the worst, the market in Arizona has bottomed and California is flat, but analysts say New England has the worst problem. As a result, the US Government has needed to rescue a number of state hanks and valuations of property-backed loans of even the largest banks have been reviewed.

debta." Moody's Investors Service, Four states have been hit by falling values of offices, shops dropped the rating on \$37.4

"It's like having a shirt with two left arms. It doesn't

#### £1.5bn ANZ bank minated talks that might have merger ruled out

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

dend rises from 1.85p to lion (£1.54 billion) merger 2.10p. out of cernings down between the Australia and New Zealand Bank and National Mutual Life, the country's third largest bank and second largest life assurer, on

competition grounds. Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, said: "It is vital for the efficient application of the

to market forces alone when

Australia would be better served by the independence of its six or seven largest banking and insurance groups, although the Government did not wish to keep the two

The deal depended on Mr Keating's approval. ANZ's acquisition of National Mutual

THE Australian Government Royal Bank in March looks, has blocked the Aus\$3.4 bil- the first stage of the deal, looks likely to be reversed.

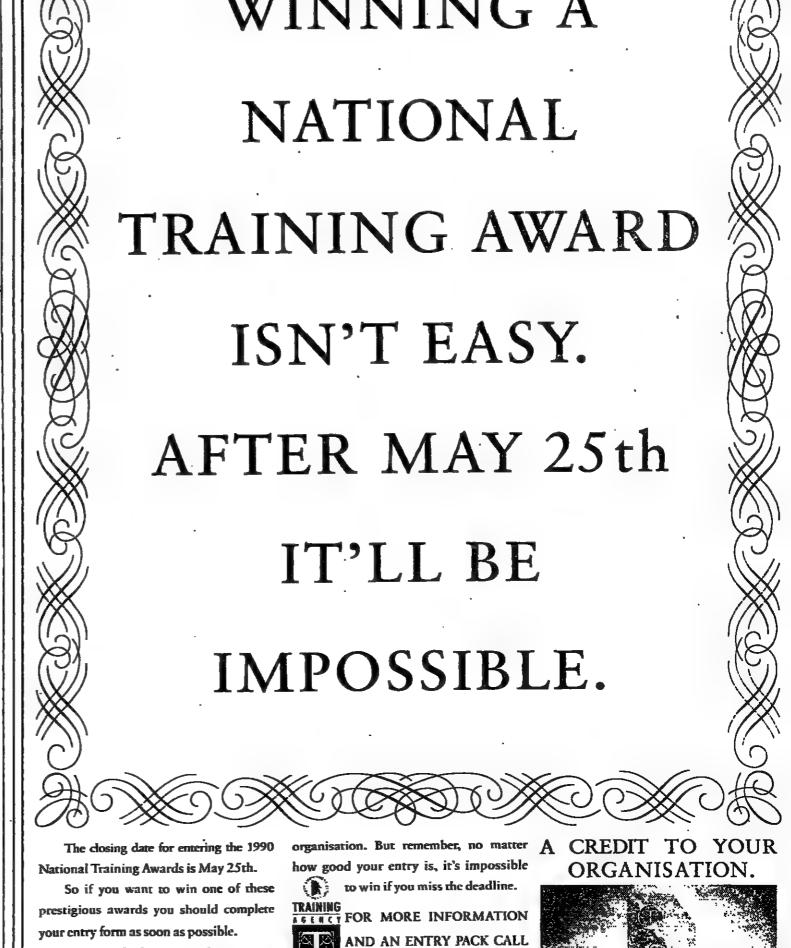
ANZ's shares rose 20 cents to Aus\$4.90 on the news.
Dealers had been worried that the merger would force ANZ into a rights issue. Analysts suggested that National Mutual may look at ways to gain an independent listing.

Mr Will Bailey, ANZ's nation's savings that there chairman, said he was dis-should be a reasonable di-appointed by the decision. the promotion of competition analysis, and was expected to efits for shareholders, policyfor federal taxation revenue."

ANZ's interim figures to the end of March showed net profits before abnormal items 3 per cent lower at Aus\$310 million. The dividend re-

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#### INTRODUCTION

A VITAL factor in the success of any developed economy is the soundness, clarity and effectiveness of the laws and rules governing the proper operation on the financial markets and the running of fidence in their integrity, the England, have specific duties.

#### TIMESCALE

The average time for completion of a basic fact-finding (s447) inquiry was 105 days in 1988-89 agains a target of 92 days. For insider dealing cases it is 11 months. For a major investigation the average time is two years and four months. These delays have been described as "scandalous." The DTI has acknowledged that past cases took longer than they would have liked. Recent cases have been dealt with more auickly. Apart from delays in setting

up an inquiry, there are a number of reasons for the time it takes. Difficulty in arranging in-

terviews with witnesses. witnesses abroad. Barrister inspector in court.

Overseas link in the affair. Abuse by witnesses of right

DTI officials told us: There is a tension between speed and fairness" but "A lot has been done to remedy the events for which inspectors delays." The House of Fraser inspectors reported "in the sible. We note that officials closing stages of our inquiry we were very conscious of [these] competing pressures." It is the DTI's intention never to allow cases to go on as long in future. We consider this important for the interests of innocent parties and to satisfy both domestic requirements (such as the time limit on demergers) and overseas statutes

Among the measures being taken are the more flexible powers in the Companies Act 1989 to discontinue an inspection (section 57), to appoint inspectors on the basis that their report will not be published (section 55), to coregulators (sections 82 and 83) and to order partial reports (section 57). These provisions came into effect on February 21 1990. Delays in producing reports have been unacceptably long in the past. They have brought the whole system of Companies Act inspections into disrepute and have

the Companies Act 1989. In insider dealing cases, we have been told that the prosnects of a successful prosecution are reduced by a long interval between the dealing and the trial. The DTI says; on the basis of slim experience of insider dealing prosecutions, that the chances of a convichave been appointed.

been an important reason for

We recommend that inspectors appointed to carry out major investigations should be expected to report with 12

dealing inspectors be expected

### REPORTS

Should inspectors just find facts or should they also draw conclusions? The Secretary of State has a fairly open mind. At present inspectors do identify individuals for criticism. but are encouraged by the DTI to do so in moderate terms.

The Bank of England and the Securities and Investcompanies. Without con- ments Board told us that in their view inspectors should efficiency of those institutions establish fact rather than make will be undermined. Laws and judgements. Employers and rules that are not, for one regulatory bodies would then reason or another, enforced decide whether an individbring the system into ual's conduct was in breach of disrepute. The Department of the standards expected in his Trade and Industry is largely profession. The inquiry proresponsible for the policing of cess would be speeded up, becompany law, though other cause inspectors would not bodies, such as the Bank of have to spend time consulting witnesses about possible criti-The Committee has inquired cism of them. Published reinto how the DTI carries out ports would not lambast individuals without any apparent Most of our evidence points

the other way. Unless conclusions are drawn, lessons may not be learnt and remedial action may not be taken. It was pointed out to us that one of the reports on the DTFs handling of the Barlow Clowes affair was prevented by its terms of reference from attributing blame, drawing conclusions or making recommendations. This made it more difficult for those reading it to judge who was responsible for mistakes. The County NatWest and House of Fraser reports would be meaningless to the lay reader including the Secretary of State to whom they are addressed) unless some conclusions had been drawn. If a report does not identify

those to blame for some misconduct, it will also fail to exonerate others involved whose actions were blameless. The wholly innocent may be tarred by association with would not hold them responand ministers at the DTI were largely exonerated by the HoF inspectors, when a mere statement of the facts might have led the reader to a different conclusion.

We would not expect anyone criticized in an inspectors' report to be happy about it.



There appear to be two ways

tained in a separate appendix to their report.

Handbook of the Companies Inspection System be amen ded to advise inspectors to serve on all those to be criticized in a report the substance of that criticism, with a deadline for response of 21 days and that any response received which the inspectors do not accept should be published as an annex to their report.

nesses should be provided with a copy of the transcript of their

#### PUBLICATION

The reasons for not publishing reports are that publication might hamper investigation of crime, prejudice a fair trial, publish defamatory statements or advertise a novel fraudulent practice. In the recent cases of County Nat-West and HoF the first two factors were relevant; the County NatWest report was published soon after completion; the HoF report was not. We consider that the danger

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published.

make such an application practical problem that a report prior to publication of the can leak long before it is

We recommend that inspectors should continue to draw stance in which publication cooclusions from the evidence might be prejudicial to the they take.

mendations about whether against individuals and any remedial steps to prevent similar events occurring.
We recommend that inspec-

tors' recommendations for broadly the situation for the half of the convictions) which prosecution or disciplinary ac-

DTI officials told us of the of publishing defamatory tension between speed and statements would be avoided if inspectors exercised re-It has been suggested that straint in the tone of their for appeal against criticism in told us "we must not overreports. Regulators, employ- emphasize the risk to a fair ers and prosecutors may listen trial of the publication of to contrary arguments before reports." We would expect the deciding whether to take ac- DTI to move quickly enough tion of the criticism. Ul- in future to forestall any novel timately the only resort for the fraudulent practice revealed aggrieved subject of criticism by a report before a fraudster is the courts by way of an hurrying from the Stationery application for judicial re- Office with his newly-acquired view. We note that those copy of a report could benefit involved in the HoF case were might be required to outlaw given a specific opportunity to the practice, apart from the

This leaves one circumultimate public interest: when We recommend that inspec- criminal investigations have tors should make recom- started during the inspector's work and might be hindered some action should be taken by completion and publication of the report. On the other hand completion of the report may be hindered by the criminal investigation. This was

latory bodies in respect of We conclude that in such individuals should be con- circumstances the public interest lies first in bringing individuals to court before completion and publication of the report.

major investigations reports he published as soon as possible, not least on accoun their effect on markets and

trading. We recommend that normaliy only the appendix recommending criminal proceedings or disciplinary action should not be published.

We recommend that publication should be delayed only in cases where a criminal investigation has begun before completion of the report and where it would be hindered by

### INSIDER DEALING

Insider dealing is important not just as one aspect of commercial malpractice. It demonstrates the DTT's responsiveness to new problems in enforcement. Insider dealing has been a criminal offence since 1980. Where incidents of insider dealing are detected, it is usually by the Insider Dealing Group of the International Stock Exchange. They study share-dealing prior to price-sensitive announcements. Acting on this analysis or on information received, they conduct a preliminary investigation. If

evidence of insider dealing is found, the case is passed to the DTI. The DTI can: • Decide to appoint inspec-Financial Services Act 1986;

• Prosecute without appointing inspectors; · Authorize the Stock Exchange to prosecute (a new power under section 209 of Companies Act 1989); Take no further action (but

inform other regulators). Since 1980, there have been 10 convictions for insider dealing (one of which was overturned on appeal) The ISE has conducted about 240 inquiries since May 1988 and has passed about two a month to the DTL Since 1985 101 cases have been transferred in this way; inspectors have been appointed in 41 cases; there have been 19 prosecutions

The DTI point out that the proportion of cases in which inspectors have been appointed has increased significantly over the last five years. Half of the prosecutions (and half of the convictions) which tion by employers or regu- Guinness and Barlow Clowes. occurred in 1989. The DTI convictions.

and 10 convictions.

seemed to attribute this to an improvement in the quality of the evidence. They also said that cases in which inspectors have been appointed have resulted in more successful prosecutions that those which have not.

The bare figures for the UK show little investigatory activity in the years after the offence was first introduced and then consolidated, followed by an apparent burst of effort in the last two years. This is a decade after the criminal offence was created. Between 1980 and 1986, it is thought that the Stock Exchange referred about 100 cases to the DTI but only nine prosecutions resulted.

There is no doubt that insider dealing is a difficult offence to prove. It is also the case that the prospects of a successful prosecution are improved by the appointment of inspectors but diminish with time. For these reasons we are astounded that it takes the DTI as long as six months to appoint inspectors. We conclude that the DTI's record over the past 10 years shows dilatoriness in enforcing the

insider dealing law. The experience of recent inadequacies in the law and inexperience among both prosecutors and courts in

dealing with cases.

We welcome the Govern ment's proposal to simplify the law on insider dealing. We do believe however that more consideration needs to be remedies or sanctions for insider dealing. To date, no one has served a

prison sentence for insider dealing. One suspended sentence has been imposed. In six of the eight convictions secured by the end of November 1989, it is estimated that the fine exceeded the profit made or the loss avoided. While the prospects of detection and prosecution may act as a deterrent, we do not consider that the penalties actually imposed do serve to dissuade people from insider dealing. We see no reason why loss of livelihood and reputation should be seen as an alternative to imprisonment. Some custodial sentences would send a strong message that insider dealing is not acceptable conduct in the City or elsewhere.

Giving the Stock Exchange investigators the powers of inspectors could save time and thereby secure more initial stage. We recommend that consideration should be given to attacking insider abuse in the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act. The DTI has a poor record

appeal to the courts, which

believe in practice that most

cases would be settled at an

on insider dealing, but is showing signs of improve-ment. What is particularly PROPOSALS alarming is its speed of response to a new offence. The DTI's regulatory record in dealing with new developwhat can be expected of it as applied. new schemes of commercial majoractice are invented?

We recommend that all insider dealing cases should for the time being he tried before Queen's Bench Division judges experienced in commercial law at a specified

We recommend that the DTI should decide within 21 days of cases being referred to them by the Stock Exchange within the existing system of law in which greater use could whether (1) to appoint inspectors or (2) to allow the Stock One is the possible use of section 61 of the FSA. This Exchange to prosecute. We recommend that steps

enables the DTI and SIB to be taken to introduce civil law advice. bring an action for breaches of sanctions against insider the conduct of business rules. This action may seek an

#### EXPENDITURE

injunction and/or an order for disporgement of profits. It has The total cost of DTI investigations in 1988-89 was been suggested that insofar as the conduct of business rules £6.2 million, although the address insider dealing as a costs to DTI investigations are specific regulatory offence, in met by monies voted by appropriate cases, this pro-Parliament, the income from vision could be used to de-Companies House fees and prive an authorized person charges are set to recover the who has engaged in insider costs arising from the reguladealing of his profits. This tion of companies, including would however not cover the costs of investigations. many individuals, such as

A major investigation is company directors, who have expensive: the three major the opportunity to deal as investigations completed recently each cost between £1.1 and £1.6 million. £2.9 million edy would be for legislation to was spent in this way in 1988give the prosecuting authori-89. An insider dealing inties the power to sue someone vestigation costs on average for insider dealing as an £100,000. £1.4 million was alternative to prosecuting them. There would be a lower spent on this in 1988-89.

The DTI has limited powers standard of proof and the penalty could be a multiple of to recover the costs of inspecthe profit gained (or loss tions under the Companies avoided) from the insider Act 1989 but does not expect

#### Rarely can a department's discharge of its responsibilities have been held in such low esteem by others involved 9

dealing. A system such as this to recover much. operates in the USA, but is founded on a different system steps be taken to recover the of law. In some jurisdictions costs of investigations from whose securities the insider unless the inspectors find no abuse occurred a right of action against the persons responsible. Where this right DTI is not pursued by the company the action may be brought, on

be made of civil penalties.

Another form of civil rem-

its behalf, by a shareholder.

enue, especially for Stamp mance in the future. Duty, could be used. When the DII has received a report from the Stock Exchange on improving insider dealing it could require The DTT's general reputcould pay a fixed penalty. If he esteem among others in-

We recommend that greater evidence of wrong-doing.

Much of our evidence relates to events which occurred We recommend that consid-before the implementation of eration should be given to the Financial Services Act amending the law so that a 1986, the creation of the similar provision applies as in Serious Fraud Office in 1988 the Prevention of Corruption and the enactment of the Act 1909 in which the onus of Companies Act in 1989. While proof switches to the defence if these recent developments the court is satisfied that a have significantly changed the prime facie case has been situation, we are not convinced that they make the A procedure analogous to lessons of the past irrelevant that used by the inland Rev- or guarantee good perfor-

> There are indications that the DTI's performance is

the person concerned to an- ation among interested parties swer questions (subject to the and observers has not imnormal protections). On the pressed us. Rarely can a basis of these a statement of government department's disfacts could be served on him. Charge of its responsibilities If he did not dispute them he have been held in such low

did dispute them, he could volved. This reputation in itself undermines the effecwould have the option of tiveness of the UK regulatory

imposing a larger penalty. We regime. Ultimately, the DTI's performance in securing the efficient operation of free markets is a matter not of powers and resources but of attitude. Our initial conclu-UK not merely under the sion that the DTI's attitude was improving has been confounded by the lack of action taken against the Fayeds following publication of the

We recommend that broader public interests then just the duties of directors and the ments is not impressive. If it rights of shareholders should takes 10 years to start to get to be reflected in company law grips with one new offence, and the way in which it is

The permission for auditors to disclose confidential information to the supervisory authorities should be raised to the level of a statutory

Obligations should be imposed in the UK on intermediaries to exercise reasonable care to ensure they do not facilitate dishonest transactions.

The employment within the DTI of some high-calibre individuals capable of conducting investigations, assisting other regulatory bodies and overseeing training and legal

The DTI should require inspectors whom it appoints for Companies Act inquiries to devote at least three-quarters of their professional time to the inquiry. The DTI continue to use

accountants and barristers as outside inspectors appointed for specific inquiries and that greater use be made of others with professional expertise in particular cases. Property qualified, experi-

enced and suitably paid senior DTI staff should be used more extensively in tandem with one outside inspector. The Hamiltook of the Com-

panies Inspection System should be updated annually to give more information on conduct of investigations. The Government take steps

to etablish through OECD a database of commercial malefactors and designates a UK regulatory body (such as the DTI) as the leading agent to casure co-ordination. A central clearing house be tablished to (1) track all

cases dealt with by different regulatory bodies; (2) maintain a database of people convicted (or otherwise publically censured), for commercial malpractice, fraud, insider dealing, disqualification as directors etc; (3) supply information to other authori-The DTI monitors closely

the performance of the SIB and 580s in discharging their investigatory duties and reports annually to Parliament. Regulatory bodies and em-ployers should report to the

DTI within a prescribed time the action they have taken.
The DTI should place a higher priority on improving the qualifications and breadth of experience of its own in-

restigatory staff, The Government take steps to develop a cadre of professionally qualified and akilled investigatory staff to support major investigations

and work in regulatory bodies.

The Government do more to encourage accountants and solicitors firms to second skilled staff to regulatory When legislation on com-

pany law is next put before Parliament, the investigatory powers should be reviewed, updated if necessary and

### courts should have ruled on Fayeds' fitness as qualification of directors under modern

#### HOUSE OF FRASER

WE have been greatly concerned at the lack of government action following publication of the inspectors' report on HoF. The acquisition of HoF took place in 1984 and 1985 when Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. The next Secretary of State, Mr Leon Brittan, MP, refused to appoint inspectors in 1985. Inspectors were appointed on 9 April 1987 by Mr Paul Channon, MP. They reported on 27 July 1988 to Lord Young. Their report was published on 7 March 1990 by Mr Nicholas Ridley, MP. Thus five successive Secretaries of State were involved.

When the inspectors reported and when their report was published there were five ways in which action could have been taken:

• Prosecution of individuals for criminal offences; • Reference of takeover of HofF by the Fayeds to the Monopolies and Mergers

 Implementation of recommendations by the inspectors for changes in the law; Disciplinary measures by regulatory bodies; and Disqualification of directors.

We have considered what steps have been taken under these headings. We understand that, had sufficient corroborative evidence been available,

charges might have been brought against the Fayed brothers under section 15 of the Theft Act 1968, section 5 of the Perjury Act 1911, section 1(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906, section 3 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 and the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud. Mr Ridley told us "corroborating evidence to prove these criminal offences has not been forthcoming."

In the absence of such evidence, the prosecuting authorities appear to us to have had no alternative than to drop the case when they did. For a period of six months from July

1988 when he received the inspectors' report the then Secretary of State, Lord Young, could have referred the Fayeds' acquisition of HoF to the MMC. He had the power to do so under the Fair Trading Act 1973. In exercising his discretion, Lord Young, followed the advice of the Director General of Fair Trading. If a reference had been made and if the MMC had decided that there was an adverse effect to the public interest arising from the merger the Fayeds could have been ordered to divest themselves of their shares in HoF.

By deciding in the second half of 1988 not to refer the case to the MMC, Lord Young deprived himself of the most potent weapon available to him to respond to a manifest breach of the UK regulatory system. At that time he must have been aware of the factors which could lead to the subsequent decisions not to prosecute the Fayeds and not to seek their disqualification as directors. Divestment of their shares in HoF was probably the most likely and effective way of dealing with their conduct.

In the light of the misinformation concerning the financial status of the Fayed brothers we conclude that Lord Young would have been prudent to exercise his power in late 1988 to refer to the Fayeds' acquisition of HoF to the

We commend the DTI's speed in implementing almost all of the inspec-

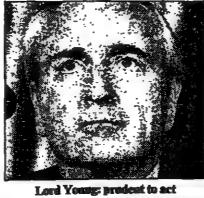


**Tebbit: first Secretary of State** tors' recommendations on changes to

company law. These go a long way to prevent a repetition of this situation and also demonstrate the willingness of UK regulatory authorities to respond quickly to new threats to the integrity of UK MILLY MICES. To some extent the inspectors' report

called for steps to be taken by regulatory bodies other than just the DTL Copies of the report were sent by Lord Young in the summer of 1988 to the Serious Fraud Office, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Bank of England, the Takeover Panel, the Inland Revenue, the Office of Fair Trading, the MMC and the Metropolitan Police. Copies were also sent, following publication in March 1990, to the Law Society, the Securities and Investments Board, The Securities Association and Fimbra.

The regulatory authorities concerned with the conduct of individuals and firms have submitted some evidence to us but no specific action has yet been taken. The Bank of England is reviewing the authorization of the Fayeds as fit and



proper persons to control Harrods Bank. In view ot the fact that the Bank of England received a copy of the inspectors' report in August 1988 we do not

understand why this review should take

Mr Ridley expects to liaise with these other regulators and will report to the House on what conclusions they have come to. We accept that this is the proper course of action under the law. The response of these regulatory authorities will be a demonstration of the effectiveness of the UK's mixed system of

statutory control and self-regulation. We

await the results with interest. Following publication of the HoF report, the only remaining power avail-able to Mr Ridley to deal with the facts it disclosed was to seek disqualification of the Fayeds as directors under section 8 of the Company Directors Disonalification Act 1986. Mr Ridley told the House on 7 March 1990: "I have concluded that it would not be in the public interest to do

The Company Directors Disqualifica-

tion Act 1986 gives the Secretary of State power to apply to the court for the disqualification of a director. He can do so if it appears to him expedient in the public interest, following an inspectors' report. The court can disqualify a person where "it is satisfied that his conduct in relation to the company makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a COMPANY."

The Secretary of State's reasons seem to stem from his interpretation of the Act that a court would consider only the nature of the current management of a company as grounds for disqualification. He said in evidence: "Where I am satisfied that the conduct

of the director in relation to the company he is managing — I have added those words — makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company, that is the criterion." We believe that this construction

should have been tested in court. We therefore conclude that the tion whether the Fayeds should be disqualified as directors should have been put to the courts to decide. There the merits of the case would have been argued in public and decided on the basis of the law. By not applying to the court the Secretary of State blocked off the one

remaining means by which some penalty

could have been imposed on the Fayeds

for their conduct.

The contradictory position adopted by Mr Ridley on the question of disqualification is illustrated by the failure to implement one of the inspectors' recommendations for a change in the law. The inspectors recommended that: "The giving of false evidence to Companies Act inspectors ought to be made in itself a sufficient reason for dis-

legislation."

The DTI response is that such conduct could already be taken into account by the court in determining a person's unfitness. But the court can only take such matters into account if the Secretary of State decides to apply to the

It is highly disingenuous of the DTI's evidence to use this excuse for not seeking an amendment to the law when the Secretary of State has prevented such a course being followed by not referring the case to the court.

We believe that if the company investigation system is to work properly, there should be effective sanctions against those who mislead inspectors. Disqualifiction as a director is one option, but would not cover all individuals. Mr Ridley did not accept the inspectors' recommendation that punitive sanctions should be made available in the event that false information is furnished to inspectors. The reason given is that section 1 of the Perjury Act 1911 covers such an eventuality. We conclude that the HoF case demonstrates that the sanctions against

misle ang inspectors are inadequate. We recommend that company law be amended to provide that

(1) If inspectors report that directors have given false information to them, the Secretary of State should automatically apply to the court for their disqualifi-

(2) Knowingly or recklessly misleading pectors should be made an offence. We recommend that the Secretary of State should report within two months on the action taken by the various bodies to whom he sent the HoF report.

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Concern over trade deficit

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# Dow unmoved by new goods data

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Analysts said that one month's data were not sufficient to show a trend. ■ Tokyo — Share prices closed higher, bolstered by Tuesday's overnight record close on Wall Street and the yen's strength

than-expected April US dura- on hopes that the US would ble goods orders failing to renew China's "most favoured have an impact on the index. nation" status, seen as crucial The Dow Jones industrial to Hong Kong's re-export trade. The Hang Seng index at 2,845.35, while declining closed 57.44 points higher at 3,028.31.

• Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index fell 5.64 points to 1,572.95. • Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index ended 8.3 points

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early trade, with much lower- • Hong Kong - Shares rallied than an hour to work out that April's trade deficit of £1.78 billion was one bad economic indicator that could not be

Initially, it looked as if the bulls were going to win the day. In busy trading, the FT-SE 100 index took a 20-point lead by 11am, with dealers reporting some institutions keen to buy stock.

The trade figures were announced at 11.30am and in the 15 minutes that followed. prices came sharply back. However, the market quickly regained its nerve and for about an hour it looked as if the trade figures were going to join retail prices and unemployment figures as key indicators that could safely be

ignored. But then the market's nerve cracked. A weak opening on Wall Street and late speculation of a profits downgrading for the high street banks did nothing to halt the slide.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 23.9 points lower at 2,287.4, while the FT-30 index slid 19.5 to 1,810.0. Although turnover failed to keep up with the heady levels of recent days, about 542 million shares changed hands.

The market's switch of direction coincided with the fisher's price had been anticipsuspension of dealings in Dix- ating the bid being blocked for ons, the electrical retailer, and its would-be owner Kingfisher. The shares were suspended when it became banks in late trading. Barclays

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# knocks 23 points off index KINGFISHER: shares have discounted MMC decision (Rebased)

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Commission report recommending that the £568 million bid be blocked were already

Dealings resumed about 50 minutes later after Mr Nicho-las Ridley, the Trade Secretary, confirmed the MMC's decision. Dixons fell 7p to 124p, while Kingfisher put on 3p to 31 lp. Mr Paul Morris, a

National Westminster both slid 14p to 284p and 334p respectively. Goldman Sachs is understood to have been taking another look at the banks' domestic debt Elsewhere, Bass, the brew-

er, had a see-saw day, initially

falling on news of its plans to hive off 2,400 pubs and its Shares in Select Appointments, the employment agent, rose 15p to 69p after Adia, of Switzerland, raised its stake to 5.4 per cent. Ecco Travail, of France, has already taken its stake up to 9 per

cent. Pannure Gordon, the company broker, says Select's shares are trading on a prospective p/e of less than six. retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, pointed out that King-

some time. Talk of a profits downgrading hit the high street

known that copies of the fell 15p to 544, Lloyds was 12p Mergers and Monopolies lower at 265p, while Midland

sharply-increased borrowing costs. But further consideration of the group's interim pre-tax profits of £247 million saw this trend reversed. Bass

closed 14p higher at £10.63. plunged 38p to 360p as the stake. company announced worsethan-expected interim profits

ing that the company is unlikely to match last year's record profits of £176 million. Wellcome, the drugs group. fell 30p to 659p on profittaking. Fisons also reversed its recent trend by falling 13p to

An increase in net asset value of 2.1 per cent might not sound that inspiring, but in the punch-drunk property sector this sort of progress from Land Securities provided an unexpected fillip.

Land Securities celebrated with a dignified rise of 3p to 499n.

Elsewhere, the knock-on effect was more pronounced. MEPC, where interims are due today, rose 6p to 510p; Great Portland 1p to 263p; British Land rose 8p to 340p, Capital & Counties 8p to 353p, and Slough finished lp better at 291p.

Speyhawk improved 15p to 185p, while London & Metropolitan put on 5p to 65p. Helical Bar, responding to Land Securities' favourable thoughts about industrial property, rose 10p to 239p, while English & Overseas stood out with a 17p rise to

Also enjoying a strong run proved 5p to 67p.

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# LAND SECURITIES

Pre-tax profits up £25.9 million to £175.1 million Earnings per share increased 17.6% Dividends for year up 18.1% (Proposed final 12.25p)

- Portfolio valuation £5,611m
- Basic net assets per share 879p
- Completed developments virtually fully let
- Terms agreed to pre-let many developments under construction
  - No interest capitalised
  - All loans at fixed rates interest payable covered 2.6 times
    - · Surpluses on property sales excluded from profits
      - No off balance sheet liabilities

#### LAND SECURITIES PLC

# KING & SHAXSON HOLDINGS PLC

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR. W.E.C. D'ABBANS

Your Directors report a profit for the year ending the 30th April 1990 of 22,000,000 after providing for rebate, taxation and transfer to contingencies reserve. A final dividend of 7.75 pence per Ordinary share is proposed, making a total for the year of 10.25 pence, an increase of one pence (10.8%).

King & Shaxson Money Brokers Ltd. has been operating in a competitive market. Despite that, they have shown a good profit and I am sure will continue to do so. It cannot be long before the Government Securities market begins to expand rather than contract.

Your Board has recently made two trade investments. This is part of our continuing policy of diversifying away from the interest rate risk business of the Discount House. . We were extremely glad to be able to take the opportunity of acquiring a 25% interest in Just Ice (UK) Ltd., which is the largest provider of wet ice in the South of England. We have also invested in 50% of the capital of Chocfleet Ltd., a new potato chip vending machine company. We have committed a comparatively small amount of money to these two ventures.

When one looks at the year that lies ahead it is extremely hard to find grounds for optimism, in the short term at least. The Government give the impression of having little or no idea as to what to do. They don't particularly like where they have been, have little idea of where they are and even less of where they are going. For political reasons they are too scared to do what they should. One last sharp joit to the economy would cure the level of inflation and wage demands (of course, it would have been better if this had been done earlier). However the chances are that they will continue to muddle along in the hope that things will improve. If their strategy fails this could lead to a further rise in interest rates. The authorities should resist the short-term expedient of an early entry into the E.R.M. In the longer term this might be beneficial but it would be dangerous to enter from a position of extreme weakness.

As a result of the past year I am confident that whatever may happen, your Company is in an even stronger position to take advantage of any opportunities that may prise.

Copies of the 1990 Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary. King & Sharson Holdings PLC, 52 Cornhill, London EC3V 3PD

# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Setback for rally

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### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# A cosmic trail with destruction in its wake

Are we too complacent about the threat of space debris hitting Earth? Nick Nuttall reports on what some astronomers say will be Armageddon

stream, a procession of vast cosmic that snakes around the Sun and out towards Jupiter, will swing through Earth's orbit for the first of its bi-annual

ably thousands of bodies consistently intervened, often including asteroids, mountain- and island-sized boul-ders, smaller meteoroids, Encke's Comet and assorted fragments of celestial refuse.

The exact number, size and location of objects, however, remains a mystery and accord-ing to Dr Mark Bailey, research Fellow in astronomy at Manchester University, it is likely that for every object which is confirmed, there are nine others that have so far eluded detection.

All that is certain is that the rubble, believed by some astronomers to have been formed by a collision in the asteroid belt of a defunct comet which was captured by the solar system up to 30,000 years ago, will bisect Earth's orbit in late June and again in

November.
According to astronomers such as Dr Victor Clube, of Oxford University's Department of Astrophysics, the coming and goings of the Taurid stream should be a source of concern to politicians, planners and anyone who cherishes life on Earth.

A "catastrophist", Dr Clube is one of many astronomers who are convinced that within this celestial procession lie the seeds of mass destruction - an Armageddon of biblical proportions. "The matter requires urgent attention. It is crucial that everyone is woken up to

the danger," Dr Clube says. The chilling scenario envisaged is of Earth and one of the 46,000 mph objects in the Taurid stream colliding during one of the orbital

Dr Clube says: "It is analagous to a nuclear war with a megatonnage of the same order and all the effects of nuclear war with debris from the impact causing sunlight to be blocked causing a Dark Age or Ice Age."

"Multiple Traguska Bom- inward run and in Juu" believes, will eventually happen. Tunguska refers to a last time that the stream was Siberian River near which, in closest within Earth's orbit June 1908, a 100 yard body from the Taurid stream ploughed into Earth, exploding and devastating an area 25 miles wide with the impact of a 20-megaton bomb.

Fortunately the encounter occurred in an unpopulated new, as pagan and ancient part of the globe but if the civilisations such as the impact had been on London it Babylonians were firm believwould have devastated the ers in the threat of of cosmic

ver the next few city, killing millions. The weeks the Taurid Tunguska event may have been only a chance occurrence. Yet, according to Dr Clube rubble and dust and Dr Bill Napier, of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, whose book Cosmic Winter is published next month, the history of Earth is littered with subtle evidence Within the stream are prob- that cosmic debris have

> with catastrophic conse-One of the most popular theories to explain the sudden demise of the dinosaurs is that, 65 million years ago, a huge asteroid ploughed into the planet, triggering either a nuclear-style winter or huge

This popular theory was given a boost only last week when scientists at the University of Arizona reported the discovery of an apparent 180mile-wide crash site in the Caribbean of an asteroid six miles wide. They claim this could be linked with the great reptiles' extinction.

Dr Clube ascribes other events including the Old Testament story of Noah and his Ark to a Dark Age linked with colliding heavenly bodies. He

with the breakup, in 1845, of Comet Biela without any casily visible effect on Earth.

"This rather relaxed attitude to comets, which has persisted to the present day, helped turn 19th century opinion against a prevailing catastrophist view of evolution," Dr Clube says.

"Indeed, the eventual disintegration of Comet Biela into dust made it no longer out of place for biologists and geologists to explain evolution in processes that were nonviolent and slow-acting."

#### 'Such an object could cause a disaster of unprecedented proportions if it struck'

also believes that climatic changes, including fears of present global warming, may have a cosmic component.

There is sufficient evidence, he says, to indicate that collisions happen within centuries and millenniums rather than millions and billions of years, with multiple encounters more likely than sceptics claim.

Dr Clube emphasizes that predicting when a bombardment may occur is impossible without more scientisic evaluation of the Taurid "We are probably a little

safer at the moment because the intersecting orbits are far He has coined the phrase away. But we are on the

According to Dr Clube, the celestial bodies. was in the first millennium BC, from about 500 BC up to 0 AD, the time of Christ.

It is vital to overcome complacency about the threat from cosmic debris, he says. This complacency is relatively

ionable to assume that the world is safe when in fact multiple Tunguska bombardments, releasing around five megatons - the equivalent of a full-scale nuclear war - may happen at intervals of about 1,500 years, producing a Dark Age," he says. To suggest the planet is safe is absurd."

Oxford astrophysicist is not alone in his views. Similar concerns were echoed last week by the respected American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

The institute is calling for Earth from asteroid attack, in Earth's collision orbit." including the

of thawing East-West relations of shattering incoming and what is being claimed as a asteroids. recent, potentially disastrous near-collision.

Last year, 1989 FC, a cosmic boulder bigger than an aircraft carrier, passed within 400,000 miles of Earth, a mere whisker in astronomical terms, before being noticed by

astronomers.

destruction. Part of the blame for this complacency rests with the breakup, in 1845, of Comet Biela without any easin terms of the casuality rate could be enormous," the institute argues in a paper it

released about the problem. Apart from putting nuclear warheads on standby for intercepting and shattering asteroids, the institute is calling for studies into power units that could attach and divert the celestial boulders away

from Earth. "We have the technology needed to detect and track such an object and possibly to divert if from an impending impact. We would be derelict if we did nothing," the in-

stitute says.

Dr Clube is hoping to get access to an infra-red tele-scope to study the Taurid stream during the November crossover.

In 1983, a satellite revealed what appeared to be dust following Comet Encke, but some scientists, including Dr Clube, now believe that this contains the single large missing body, perhaps as large as 20 miles wide, shrouded in dust and boulders.

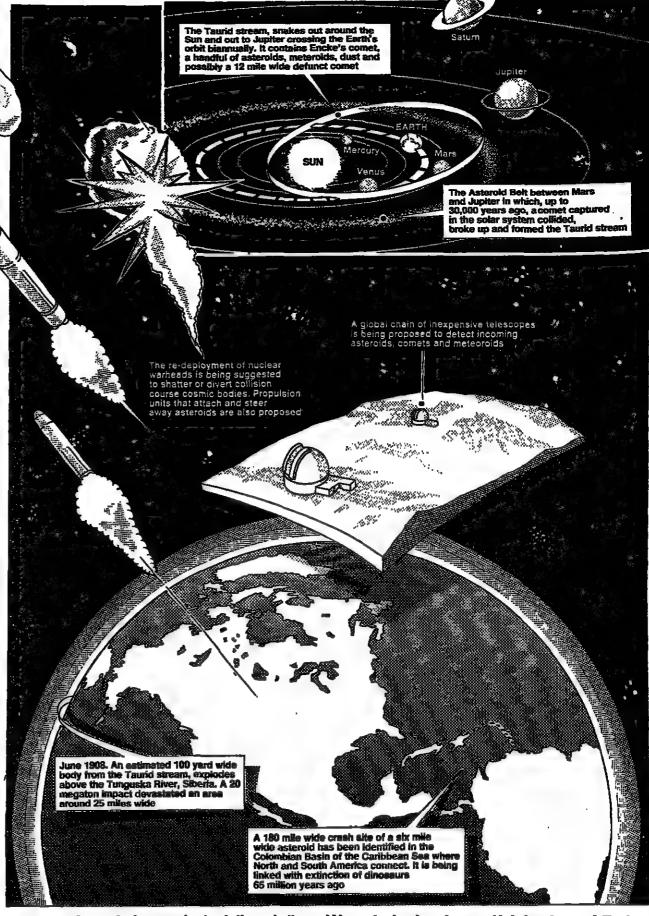
The best chance of detecting the defunct comet might come in 1994 when the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) is expected to launch the infra-

red telescope, ISO.
Dr Bailey says: "We are learning more about these objects almost every week. We are realizing that there are quite a large number of fairly large objects, ranging in size from just a few hundred yards studies aimed at defending the to six miles across, which are

bardment" to describe the we will start getting close redeployment of nuclear Clube supports the institute's worst nightmare which, he again," he says. But both British astronomers The call comes in the wake are concerned at suggestions

They believe that there is the danger that by solving one large threat, it may create scores of smaller ones.

● Cosmic Winter by Dr V Clube and Dr B Napier. Published in June by Basil Blackwell (£16.95). The Origin of Comets by Dr M Bailey, Dr V Clube and Dr B Napier. Pergamon Press.



Averting destruction?: some scientists believe missiles could be used to break up the asteroids before they reach Earth

# Weighing up the odds on beef

Is not the "negligible" risk to humans from

"mad cow" disease too great a risk to take?

"MAD cow" disease is on the rampage and Britain is once again gripped by a public health disaster. Or perhaps not the experts disagree — heatedly.

How much is the risk in eating beef?

The answer to that question has been obscured by confusion between two types of risk. One is a quantifiable risk, the other is an unknown risk that is estimated by extrapolation or analogy.

There is an important difference between a one in a million chance of a human catching a disease and a one in a million chance that a disease is readily transmissible to humans.

transmissible to humans.

In the first type of risk, a steady but small stream of people will catch the disease. In the second, almost certainly nobody will catch it; but there is a tiny chance that large numbers of people will.

The risks of contracting bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) from beef tend to be presented as if they are

beef tend to be presented as if they are known, and small. But it would be more accurate to consider them unknown, and this is where the difficulties lie. To understand the difference, consider scrapie, a disease said to be similar to BSE that affects sheep, and which has a

lot in common with a rare but deadly human disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob's Scrapic has long been widespread the tissues where the disease appears to among British sheep and large numbers of infected sheep make their way to the would be minor. This presumed analogy



Taking precautions: the burning carcasses of cows infected with the disease

table. The incidence of Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease is about 30 cases per year. There is no known link between the two diseases, but the possibility has not been ruled out. Both have been around long enough for it to be clear that the risk posed by eating infected sheep is either zero or very small.

BSE is different. It is believed — though unproven - that the BSE outbreak was caused by cattle eating sheep offal which was contaminated with scrapie. It is therefore believed, but equally

unproven, that the two diseases closely resemble each other. If this is true, then, even if BSE could be transmitted to humans, it would be safe to eat beef.

It might be best to avoid products made from brain, meat around the spinal cord, and other offal, because those are the tissues where the disease appears to between scrapie and BSE lies behind public statements that eating beef is known" to be safe.

Unfortunately, the analogy might be misleading. BSE is a new disease with a long incubation period and little research on it has yet been completed.

The organism that causes BSE might, for instance, be a mutated form of the

same organism, its behaviour in cows might differ from that in sheep.
Scrapie is in the category of being a
one-in-many-millions chance of a human catching a disease. We know that the risk posed by scrapie is "negligible" because we have been eating infected meat for

one that causes scrapie: if so, it need not

behave in the same way. Even if it is the

decades and few people, if any, have suffered as a result. BSE is in the second. Because BSE has a lot in common with scrapie, many scientists are prepared to bet heavy odds that BSE also poses a 'negligible" risk to health

But they do not know that it is negligible. The difference is crucial: if these scientists are wrong, there could be an epidemic among humans.

There is no way around this impasse except to find out what the risk really is. This requires a substantial research effort and cannot be done quickly. In the meantime, common sense suggests that we should err on the side of caution.

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# A dose of economy

form the lives of thousands of kidney patients was approved for prescription by the Denartment of Health this week, a controversy grew over its availability.

The drug is erythropoietin, or EPO, which is hailed by doctors as one of the most important advances for many years in the treatment of anaemia, a serious and common side-effect of chronic renal failure.

The dispute is over its cost. A year's treatment adds up to about £5,000 per patient - too much in the department's view for extra funding from central government to regional health authorities. The result, according to specialists, is that many patients are being denied a medicine from which they would benefit dramatically.

"This represents a serious failure to respond to the health needs of very ill patients who require technologically expensive treatment." says Dr Malcolm Phillips, consultant physician and nephrologist at Charing Cross Hospital, west London

What is EPO, how does it work, and is it as beneficial as its advocates claim? The drug is a genetically engineered version of erythropoietin, a hormone produced in the kidney which stimulates the production of red blood cells in bone marrow. Usually, the hormone is secreted in response to a reduced oxygen level in blood delivered to the kidney.

When damage to the kidney

**Thomson Prentice** 

reports on a cheaper way to administer the controversial anaemia

drug which costs £5,000 per patient

occurs, the levels of EPO manufactured by it are reduced substantially, leading to anaemia. This, in turn, causes chronic tiredness, diminished ability to work, breathlessness, headache, depression and menstrual irregularities.

The drug simply takes over the kidney's impaired function. Given intravenously, it effectively combats anaemia in much the same way as insulin injections help diabetics overcome their condition.

The drug was developed in the mid-Eighties after scientists succeeded in isolating the EPO gene. Researchers had established, in the previous 20 years, that the hormone was produced by the kidney and acted on bone marrow to stimulate and control the production of red blood cells, which transport oxygen around the body.

Molecular biologists were able to synthesize the hormone, and four years ago the drug went into production. Studies showed that it could completely reverse anaemia in patients with kidney failure. Since then, it has been used in most

centres, but only on a restricted, "named patient" basis.

Earlier this week, regulatory authorities at the Department of Health concluded from stringent scrutiny of the drug's data that it could be licensed for general use, bringing EPO a tantalizing step closer to many of the 7,500 kidney patients on dialysis machines.

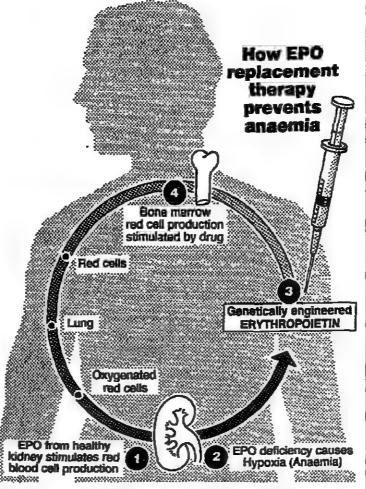
However, faced with an increased bill of about £10 million a year if it were to be made available to all, the department has written to all regional health authorities warning them that they must pay for the drug from their own already overstretched resources.

"The Government has boasted that the health service is safe in its hands," Dr Phillips says. "Regrettably, we do not at present have confidence that this applies to patients with kidney failure."

Yesterday, a glimmer of hope emerged. Doctors at South Cleve-land Hospital, in Middlesborough, reported that they had devised a successful and cost-effective way of administering the drug by injecting it under the skin, rather than intravenously, in much smaller doses than were used previously.

"This means that a larger number of patients can recieve EPO, with a similar improvement in anaemia and in the quality of life of the patient," says Dr Marion Stevens, senior registrar in renal medicine at the hospital.

"There is no doubt that at present, some deserving kidney



patients are not getting the drug because it is so expensive. We have shown that by delivering it in a different way, using smaller amounts, more patients can

She and other specialists say patients given EPO show remarkable improvements. Many have regained enough energy to return to work, health service. More studies will be necessary to confirm the cost-effectiveness of subcutaneous injections before this method of treatment is adopted widely. In the meantime, doctors are continuing to press the department for a change in attitude towards subsidizing the cost of the

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# A new line on home learning

A series of courses on information

technology will soon be available on cable television

A PILOT project that will provide training in information technology over a cable television network direct into homes will begin next month.

Aimed particularly at people who would find it difficult to commute to courses, such as those looking after children or the disabled. the programmes are part of a Department of Trade and Industry project and will be on offer to subcribers to Westminster Cable Television in London.

The project will assess the effectiveness of cable television as an interactive teaching method.

The first class of 50 students is being recruited for next month's start and a further 50 for September.

A total of 200 hours of training, including word processing, database, spreadsheet and telecommunications courses, will be on offer, as well as more specialised modules offering computerized graphic design and accounting.

Along with training materials and tutor support, trainees will be lent a personal computer. But they will have to come up with £300 for each module and subscribe to Westminster Television. The organizer of the project. IT World (071-222 3312), says 10 places will be offered free.

Cable television, the company says, should make courses more interactive and so overcome the delay and isolation students encounter when working at home, as well as delivering training to people who are unable to travel to courses.

During the live programmes, students will be able to phone in questions which will be dealt with immediately on screen. Teletext material will be sent to the students' system via the cable network.

The programmes are the result of a three-year priot project into the benefits of home-delivered training (HDT). Also managed by IT World, it was backed by the Department of Trade and Industry in conjunction with the Training Agency and several councils and development

groups. The earlier project was completed late last year and deemed a success by the DTI on the grounds that many students had found jobs after completing the course.

With shortages in experienced IT staff, training firms are looking towards women returners and other groups, such as those living in remote areas, who ideally require training in the home. Technology-based training in the home has become more feasible as the cost of personal computers has fallen.

HDT courses most often take the form of interactive text-based packages on per-sonal computers. These allow students to study where and when they choose and at their own pace.
Although the concept is

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rapidly gaining the approval of businesses, some training experts have expressed doubts about the benefit of training in the home and recommend that students take courses where a residential element is part of the curriculum. This gives students the opportunity to deal with difficulties on a face-to-face basis.

Choosing which course is the most cost-effective is becoming difficult. The National Council for Educational Technology (NCET) in London (071-636 4186) is setting up a project to identify the IT training needs of women.

"It seems there is a lack of coordination with lots of little schemes and not many of them at the local level." project leader, Ann Thatcher. says. "We are hoping to build up a database of colleges unning courses.

Many of the latest training products and techniques will be on display at a Computer Training and Services Show at Olympia 2, London, from May 30 to June 1.

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#### A product about to be launched in Japan could start a boom in electronic books

cmmuters in Japan may soon be reading computerized books little larger than a paperback but able to store the equivalent of thousands of pages on each of the small compact discs it uses (Matthew May writes).

Sony hopes the £230 Data Discman will start a boom of electronic books that could eventually rival the success of the personal cassette player.

Customers will not be able store their own information in Data Discman, but each 3in compact disc - the size currently used for CD singles will be able to store more than 200 megabytes, the equivalent of more than 3,000 pages of text. Data Discman, which includes a keyboard and flipliquid crystal display screen, can be connected to a television set. It also plays the

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music version of the CD

The keyboard can be used to select particular entries or portions of the text from indexes dislayed on the

"This system is designed to make information as easily accessible as playing a CD." Sony said. The screen displays only 10 lines of 15 characters a time, so how easy a novel will

be to read is arguable. When the 11b Discman goes on sale in Japan in July, it will come with only one disc; that is enough to contain five dictionaries - three Japanese. one English-Japanese and one

Japanese-English. By then a further 18 discs

will be announced, including travel and film guides, textbooks, reference books and instruction manuals. even Prices will range from £10 to £100.

What then becomes available is more a question of economics than technical capability.

Huge reference works, such as encyclopedias, on the morecommon 5in version of a compact disc can cost several hundred pounds. Customers for units such as

spend large amounts on a single compact disc even if it contains the equivalent of a arrangements are made with dozen or more printed books. publishers to provide a library One solution is for stores to



The \$230 Data Discusan rent compact discs in the same

way as videos. Data Discman are unlikely to ture 5,000 players a month,

Sony initially will manufac and they are expected to be on sale in Britain next year after of English compact discs.

# Sudan hit by quake

ne of the largest earth- Research Institute of Astronquakes on record, 10 times bigger than the one that hit San Fransisco last year, occured last Sunday in

Fortunately the epicentre of the quake, which registered 7.5 on the Richter scale, was in a remote area 60 miles northeast of Juha, southern Sudan's largest city with a population of more than 250,000.

But the event dramatically highlights the fact that such quakes can occur in places that are not traditionally recognized as earthquake-prone belts, such as the San Andreas

"This was an extremely dangerous earthquake," geologist Rashad Kebeasy, president of Egypt's National

omy and Geophysics, said. "It is the first time that such

a quake has struck this area." Mr Kebeasy, an expert on earthquakes of northeast Africa, said the epicentre was west of the Great African Rift.

That earthquake zone stretches 4.000 miles from Mozambique through the Red Sea to Lebanon. Its proximity to the rift accounts for the quake's ferocity. The Richter scale is a gauge

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# A study more than skin deep Pay it with the plastic the vaccine had groved to the plastic groved to the planting groved grov



Shedding light: technician Pamela Elliott, Dr Richard Camp and Dr John Hawk, treating patient Nicola Binks in the hospital's photobiology unit How and why skin inflames remains a mystery to doctors.

hile not promising the clixir of youth, research into compounds that remove wrinkles from ageing skin is generating optimism at an international gathering of experts in London this week understanding the chain of for Clinical Dermatology in events it produces. Dr Rich-

the Year 2000. More importantly, the conference has been told of important inroads into discovering the causes of inflammation and how it progresses into akin disorders. The findings also cover areas ranging from photobiology to

the ageing process. As we become healthier, and live longer, ageing will demand more medical attention. Skin disorders make up at least 10 per cent of a general practitioner's consultations. The findings mean it may be possible to design new drugs to combat skin disease in the same revolutionary way that has transformed the treatment of ulcers, blood pressure and

discovered the trigger for inflammation, they are closer to

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ard Camp heads a research group at the Institute of Dermatology at St Thomas's Hospital, London which has isolated the substance within skin cells which may explain why the normally helpful protective cells, leucocytes, invade healthy cells and cause irritations or even destroy

The substance, leukotriene B, attracts the protective cells, starting an abnormal chain of biological target at which to aim new drugs.

Although millions of distress and even death in pounds are spent each year on prescriptions or over-thecounter drugs for reducing

Pearce Wright reports on findings which may give answers work is not fully inflammation plays an essential role in the body's

processes of inflammation are defence against infection and in its repair of injury. Inout of control. flammation occurs because lying layer of the skin dilate. increasing the leakage of blood plasma into the surrounding

he blood serum car-ries a variety of cells and molecules that attack infection and remove and repair damaged tissue, resulting in events. Scientists believe this the outward signs of heat, finding now provides a clear redness and swelling. Persistent accumulation of inflammatory cells can cause

> cases of hing and kidney disease and arthritis. In allergic skin reactions

er than a postage stamp, in order to explore varieties of biochemical rescrious. the illness that received Dr John Hawk, a consultant widespread recognition at St Thomas's, is also inthrough the television series terested in photobiology because of the ageing affects The Singing Detective - the

Scientists are close to identifying some of the substances which may trigger the ab-normal process, during which leucocytes, a usually helpful type of white blood cell, invade healthy skin cells.

Advances in molecular biology point to a large number of substances which could stimulate the inflammatory process, but Dr Camp says histamine with its ability to cause severe allergies, is the only one that has been clearly identified. Some skin disorders re-

spond to treatment with doses of ultraviolet light. But there are also skin diseases that are induced or aggravated by light. In research at St Thominflammation, the reason why and disorders such as psociasis as's, the skin's sensitivity is



that the genetically engineered endophytes did not spread appreciably into neighbouring duction technology are causing concern that

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the counterfea-ing of bank-notes will become far easier. Faced also with a short lifespan for paper money, several countries have looked at the possibility of using wafer-thin plastic to provide a virtually uncopyable and indestructible banknote. The Reserve Bank of Australia has decided that paper currency should be abolished. Australia issued the world's first plastic Aus\$10 note in 1988 as part of its Bicentennial celebrations. Describing the plastic version as cleaner, more durable and harder to counterfeit, the Retron and steel division. serve Bank has decided to introduce a plastic Aus\$5 note in September, with other de-nominations becoming plastic

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A VACCINE that can protect plants against pests and re-duce reliance on pesticides has been developed. Genetically engineered bacteria called endophytes, which carry a naturally occurring protein to kill insects, are inserted into a plant's seeds. The endophytes pread the protein through the growing plant. The vaccine's developer, Peter Carlson, who founded a company called Crop Genetics in Maryland, has just completed two years of field tests on corn that had European corn borer. He said the vaccine had proved to be safe, and the tests had shown

THE recycling of discarded items produces £18 billion worth of useful commodities sighing more than 500 million tons, according to the Bureau International de la Recuperation, which last week in Singapore held a conference that attracted representatives of recycling organizations from more than 40 countries. Turning scrap iron into steel is two and a half times cheaper than using iron ore to make steel," said Anthony Bird, president of the bureau's scrap

#### Mental picture

PSYCHIATRISTS and psychologists who were shown home movies of a selection of children were usually able to spot those who developed schizophrenia as adults. The experiment supported the view that the disease followed an early brain disorder, Elaine Walker, psychology professor of Emory University in Atlanta, said. Thirteen mental health professionals were shown five films of children aged under five and asked which one was later diagnosed as schizophrenic. performance was much better than mere chance. Professor Walker said, which suggested that they were able to spot been vaccinated against the clues such as delayed development of motor skills, and unexpected emotional re-SDODSes.

#### Super brains

ISRAEL is investigating the possibility of buying a power-ful "supercomputer" from West Germany after a twoyear licensing delay in trying to buy one from the American company Cray Research. Sales of both Cray and certain powerful IBM machines to Israel. Brazil and India have been stalled by the American government, which is concerned that they may be used to develop nuclear weapons. Israel cannot turn to the other main source of supercomputers, Japan, because of an agreement between America and Japan over such exports.

#### Up and away



THE launch of unpaid, satellites by Eu-Musiness rope's Ariane b whom rocket will reen the sume by late July or August, when it will put o claim advanosband.

two satellites into orbit - one for French television and the other to handle West German telecommunications. Arianespace suspended its launch programme after the explozion, over the Atlantic in February, of a rocket that was putting two Japanese satellites into orbit. Arianespace has 38 launch contracts worth more than £1.5 billion, Ariane remains one of the two most reliable commercial conventional launchers in the world and is a model for commercial launching systems, said Frederic d'Allest, the Arianespace president,

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### Software secret is out

MILLIONS of personal computer owners are likely to benefit after one of the worstkent secrets in the computer industry was finally made public on Tuesday.

After years of development. the giant software firm Microsoft has amounced a new software program de-signed to give IBM-compatible personal computers the same easy-to-use features that made the Apple Macintosh so

Although the company has already produced two other attempts at a similar program, it is only with this third version that computer experts replaced the need for giving ters haved and often technical commands on many standard PCs with more friendly graphics-based commands that can be controlled with a mouse pointing device as well as with a keyboard.

The new £100 program, Windows 3.0, has been available for almost a year to other software developers, who are expected to base thousands of

other programs on it. Millions of computers using a range of microprocessors, from the 286 chip to the 486

chip, will be able to use it

though a hard disc; at least one

required.

The program gives a new lease of life to the most widely used operating system for likely to make IBM's attempt to establish a new standard for PCs using the OS/2 operating system more difficult. Such are the financial gains

to be made from such a program that it is surrounded with litigation, In 1988, Apple filed a lawsuit, which is still pending, against Microsoft, claiming that earlier versions of the Windows program had infringed Apple patents.

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Dr Albert Kligman, of the University of Pennsylvania,

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Superconductors promised a fantastic future. What went wrong? Philip Ball investigates

our years ago, the discovery of a new kind of super-conductor — a material that conducts electricity without resistance - led to visions of magnetically levitating trains, loss-free power cables and high-speed computers.

Now that the initial euphoria has worn off, this bright technological future still seems disappointingly remote.

But a new development re-ported in today's Nature magazine by superconductor pioneer Dr Paul Chu and his team from the University of Houston, Texas, could be another step along the

Since the heady days of 1986, when Zurich-based Dr Georg Bednorz and Dr Alex Müller stumbled across the first "hightemperature" superconductor, researchers have come to realize that putting the new materials to use is more difficult than they had

expected.

The snag is that if a superconductor is forced to carry an electric current of more than a certain critical strength, it loses its superconductivity. In all the new materials, this critical current is too small for most of the intended

applications.

Whereas two or three years ago researchers would race one another to find new materials that would superconduct at ever higher temperatures, they are now having to try to coax better currentcarrying performance from the materials they already know. Only then will these materials be ready to graduate from laboratory curiosities to commercial propo-

Superconductors themselves are by no means new. As far back as 1911, Dr Heike Kamerlingh-Onnes, a Dutch physicist, noticed that mercury lost all electrical resistance when cooled in liquid helium to about minus 269°C (within four degrees of absolute zero).

Many other metals were later found to superconduct, but at temperatures so low that the property could not be put to much use: the need for cumbersome and expensive cooling equipment relegated superconductivity to curiosity status.

For years, superconducting temperatures stayed no higher than minus 250°C, and it gradually became part of the lore of the trade that getting materials to superconduct above this temperature would never be possible.

Undeterred, and taking their lead from the discovery of a ceramic material - a mixture of bismuth, barium, lead and oxygen - that became superconducting at minus 261°C, Dr Bednorz and Dr

Finding the magic mix



Super effort: Dr Paul Chu has made another breakthrough

Müller started The marvels experimenting with other ceramics. anticipated They hit the jackpot in 1986 are with a brew of lanthanum, bar-ium, calcium and still a long copper oxides. way off which broke the minus 250°C barrealization' rier by about seven degrees and earnt them a Nobel Prize.

Seldom has a scientific discovery been seized upon so avidly. Laboratories around the world were at once cooking up their own recipes, and it was only a matter of months before Dr Chu's group announced that the compound yttrium barium copper oxide had a superconducting "transition" temperature above the boiling point of nitrogen

- minus 196°C. This was a real breakthrough, because it meant that liquid nitrogen - which is cheap, abundant and relatively easy to handle

could be used instead of liquid hehum as the cooling fluid, After this, there was no stop-ping the rush. The ultimate goal was a material that superconducted without

having to be cooled at all. But the

scramble soon petered out: for about a year, nobody could achieve transition temperatures of more than about

Dr Hiroshi Maeda and his team in Japan broke the deadlock, achieving higher temperatures with a ceramic containing the element bismuth.

Hot on their heels, a team from the University of Arkansas managed to get transition at about minus 153°C in a ceramic containing thallium, a metal used in rat poison. This has not been bettered in more than two years.

But high-transition temperatures are not the only consideration. First, one has to be able to form the superconductors into wires and other useful shapes. This is easy with metals, but the ceramic superconductors are hard

and brittle, so that new technologies have had to be developed to

process them. Then there is the problem of the critical current, which hinges on the small-scale structure of the materials. Under the microscope, they are seen to be conglomerates of tiny crystalline grains packed

The boundaries between the grains create so-called "weak links" that reduce the critical current. Also, the arrangement of atomic layers in different crystal grains is haphazard: the layers in one grain do not necessarily line up with those in surrounding

Again, this lowers the critical current. Dr Chu's team has come up with a new variation on a technique that gets round some of these problems. By carefully con-trolled rapid heating and cooling of the ceramic sample, it can be persuaded to crystallize so that the atomic layers in different grains line up with one another, and the crystal grains are tightly packed with good contacts between them.

The researchers have adapted this idea into a means of making long bars of the high-critical-current material. They pass the "raw" ceramic through a heated zone, to be transformed into the new, improved version as it emerges on the other side.

Although the researchers have as yet succeeded in making bars only a few centimetres long, it should be possible in time to make strips and wires of any length by pulling them continuously

through the heater. These are all steps in the right direction, but the technological marvels anticipated in 1986 are still a long way off realization. Will high-temperature superconduc-tors ever fulfil their promise? Some say that until we understand how they work, we will never get much further: but that is a mystery that shows few signs of yielding even to the most brilliant minds.

Others take the more pragmatic line that we now know which are the most promising materials and that, like Dr Chu's group, we should turn our efforts to getting the best from them.

But as medieval alchemists once dreamed of the philosophers' stone, some laboratories surely still harbour a secret dream that they will one day reach that elusive goal - the room-temperature superconductor.

# Hunt for the coy krill

WHAT is the connection between the shrimp-like animals krill and "stealth" bombers? The answer, according to new British research, is that both are hard to detect using long-range echo-sounding

The coyness of krill lies at the heart of a debate about the effects of fisheries on the fragile Antarctic ecology. Animals from seabirds to whales depend on krill as a food

"Krill are the keystone to the whole ecology of the Antarctic," says Dr David Sampson, of the Marine Resources Research Unit at Portsmouth Polytechnic.

Fishing fleets, overwhelmingly from the Soviet Union, have moved in to share the bounty, and take nearly half a million tonnes every year. The size of the krill population is important for resource management as well as conservation.

The problem is that although the population is likely to be enormous, it is distributed patchily. So it is almost impossible to get a good overall idea of how much krill there is.

Most researchers agree that the oceans produce several hundred million tonnes of krill every year, Dr John Simmonds, of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, in Aberdeen, sums up the difficulties involved: "It would be like giving you a wheelbarrow and a trowel and telling you to work out how many worms there are in Lon-

Previous estimates have been far too low, according to Inigo Everson, of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) in Cambridge and

One of the planet's most important food sources is proving an

elusive quarry for worried researchers

colleagues, reporting today in

Acoustic soundings of Antarctic krill shoals, or swarms, have come up with abundance figures a tenth of those implied by the activities of the animals that feed on them. Do whales, seals and seabirds know something that researchers have missed, or is there something amiss with the krill census itself?

The BAS group favours the second option. Using krill potted in cages anchored off Stromness Harbour. South Georgia - near some of the most fruitful krill fishing areas in the world - the researchers tested how well krill reflected sound waves.

The idea was to find out whether the echo-sounding results marched what the researchers knew to be the number of krill in the cages. They discovered that krill are much "softer" or stealthier than previously thought - they return echoes rather weakly, giving a misleading impression of their numbers.

This seems the solution to a nagging problem, but should not be the cue for more commercial exploitation. Krill tend to be concentrated in particular places, and the haul fluctuates wildly, Although the quantities taken

effects could be disastrous in areas of the Antarctic - such as South Georgia, the South Orkneys and the Antarctic Peninsula - that support large populations of krilldependent animals.

According to Dr John Beddington, of the Centre for Environmental Technology at Imperial College, London, the Soviet krill catch runs at 420,000 tonnes a year - 90 per cent of the world

The krill ends up sold as tinned "Antarctic plankton" or minced and used in fish meal for chicken food. The Soviet fleet's original quarry was fin fish, but stocks have plummeted: fishing for krill has become the fleet's raison

Most of the remaining 80,000 tonnes ends up in Japan, either as aquarium food, a substitute for canned shrimp or, heavily dis-

guised, in bar snacks.
"Apparently I have been eating krill with my beer for years and didn't know it," Dr David Swinbanks, a marine biologist and Nature's Tokyo correspondent, says. "They serve it up like we would peanuts in the pub - very crunchy."

Japanese fish farmers feed krill to their sea bream: this transforms the normally unexciting black fish into a marketable shade of red.

But the Japanese are reluctant to expand their krill fleet further for fear of lowering krill's market value: to do so would quickly make the whole fishery uneconomic, given the huge distances involved. HENRY GEE



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# Benefit of better stepmother disregarded

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Sir David Croom-Johnson [Judgment May [8]

The benefit accruing to a minor. whose unreliable mother was mother's death on March 24. killed in a road accident caused by the negligence of the defendant, through his father's marriage to a more reliable woman who provided a higher standard of motherly services, was a benefit which should be disregarded under section 4 of the amended by section 3(1) of the Administration of Justice Act

It could not be said that there was no loss of dependency to the minor. However, the deceased mother's shortcomings was a matter which should be taken into account when calculating the damages for loss of

dependency.
The Court of Appeal stated allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mohammed Saddique, from a decision of Mr Justice Morland who on July 13, 1989 awarded damages of £34,536 to the plaintiff minor, David Dean Stanley, suing by his father and next friend, David John Stanley. who was not married to his deceased mother, Elaine

Mr Richard Clegg, QC and Mr Nicholas Worsley for the defendant; Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Anthony Hughes, QC for the plaintiff minor.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said the basis of the claim was the minor's dependency on his mother who was then married to a Frederick Stallard by whom In 1982 the mother began an

summer she left her children minor's father.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and and went to Blackpool with the In December 1983 the minor was born. At the time of the

> In June 1984 the father met a woman called Tracy and they married in November 1984 after which they moved into Tracy's flat. Tracy had a daughter of her own and a son was subsequently born to the father and Tracy in

The judge found that after his marriage to Tracy the father settled down and was a good father to the minor. He also found that Tracy was providing excellent motherly services to the minor which were of a higher quality than could foreseeably be expected to have been provided by the minor's

The judge found that the motherly services likely to have been provided by the mother would have been of an indifferent quality and lacking in continuity and that some indication of her reliability as a mother was the fact that she left her three young children, one handicapped and one extremely young, for an irresponsible relationship with the minor's

father in Blackpool. Based on those findings the first contention of the defendants was that as the minor was better off in the home provided by his father and Tracy than he would ever have been with his mother there was no loss of dependency and, therefore, no damages to be awarded under

father who was divorced. That of dependency adopting the multiplier/multiplicand approach: see Spittle v Bunney ([1988] 1 WLR 847).

The judge concluded that the benefits accruing from the home consisting of the father, Tracy 1984 the father looked after the and their children was excluded by section 4 of the 1976 Act, as amended. That was the first ground of attack on appeal: The problem was one of

> whether in construing section 4 there was any justification for construing the words "benefits which have accrued or will or may accrue to any person from his estate or otherwise as a result of his death shall be disregarded" as in any way being restricted or whether they should be given the full ambit of

the word "otherwise". Mr Clegg suggested that the exclusion should be restricted to direct pecuniary benefits. However, if that course was taken the word "otherwise" would not be sufficiently wide to reinstate the various rights which had been progressively introduced since the Fatal Accidents (Damages) Act 1908 culminating in sections 1 to 4 of the 1976 Act

which were wholly replaced by section 3(1) of the 1982 Act. As a result of the passage of the 1982 Act none of the preexisting statutory exemptions from the deductions of benefits from fatal accidents Acts damages survived unless it was through the medium of the word "otherwise".

It seemed inconceivable that Parliament would have effected a wholesale repeal of all longstanding previous statutory exceptions from the deduction The judge did not accept that of benefits by a sidewind of that

the preferable construction was called for a far more substantial that by section 4 Parliament discount either by reducing the intended to further the densemultiplicand or, in his Lordture from ordinary common law ship's judgment, more approment of damages for perreaching the figure which the judge reached of £24,000. sonal injuries by the artificial concept which had for many decades been the basis of damin the end, the assessment of

ages recoverable under the fatal the damages for loss of dependency, as apart from that eleaccidents Acts. The judge was correct in his ment of the dependency which conclusion that the benefits could be related to financial The problem was to decide accruing to the minor as a result support, was a jury question. of his absorption into the family that the judge's computation unit consisting of his father and stepmother and siblings should was plainly too high and was

> The defendants argued that in any event the judge failed properly to take into account his own findings of fact as to the prospects of any substantial benefit which would have been enjoyed by the minor had his mother not died. That really was an attack either on the multiplier or the multiplicand in the

computation made by the judge

be wholly disregarded in assess-

based on Spittle v Bunney. Mr Clegg submitted that in assessing the value of the mother's services at £3,000 a year reliance placed on her by the minor as he grew older, the judge failed in taking an overall multiplier of 12 years to repre-sent his age up to 18 to make any proper discount for the real possibility that the mother might, as a result of her own shortcomings, not be available

during the full period of 12 record in relation to her earlier children and the findings of the judge that the minor's prospects of enjoying any continuing or valuable support from his

delivered a concurring judg-ment and Sir David Croom-Johnson agreed

Doctureth.

£15,000.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard

His Lordship had no doubt

reached on a wrong principle in

as much as it omitted to make a

proper discount for the real

possibility that the mother

would not have stayed with the

family, and that, therefore, that

finding could not be upheld on appeal.

arrive at a figure which a jury

might well have awarded had it

circumstances. Such was the

lack of steady prospect of sup-port that the multiplier/multi-

plicand approach was

In carrying out an assessment

That had to be added to the

on a jury award basis, his Lordship reached a figure of

figure of £5,000 for loss of financial support which the

judge assessed and which could

not be disturbed on appeal. The total award should therefore be

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

£10,000 for loss of services

The duty of the court was to

visited the property before making an offer worth just under

Following advice from the plaintiffs to hold out for more,

Mr Justice Ward

[Judgment May 16]

Biackpool County Court in June

1989 dismissing their claim for

payment of commission by the

defendants, the executors of Mr

Ernest Bullock. The defendants

Mr Cecil Henriques for the

laintiffs: Mr John Woodward

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

received oral instructions from

Mr Bullock to sell the West-

moreland Hotel, Queens

The agreement was evidenced by a letter from the plaintiffs to

"most favoured instructions to act as agents in offering your

property for sale at the sum of £150,000". Commission was

agreed at one and a half per cent.

The plaintiffs marketed the hotel and showed the property

to a number of persons, includ-ing Mr and Mrs Duxbury. On

three further occasions they had

ir Bullock thanking him for his

Promenade, Blackpool.

were refused leave to appeal to

the House of Lords.

for the defendants.

Peter Yates & Co v Bullock and Duxburys had been very interested prospective purchasers Before Lord Justice Nourse and of the hotel, their interest having been nourished by the plaintiffs. On April 24, Mr Bullock had

First estate agent entitled

An estate agent was entitled to instructed another firm of agents, Kays of Blackpool, givreceive his commission from a vendor for the introduction of a ing them sole selling rights. Mr purchaser if he was the effective Bullock did not terminate the cause of the sale taking place. plaintiffs' agency. The completion of the sale transactions by another agent

Thereafter Kays negotiated the sale to Mr and Mrs Duxbury together with a Mrs Hume for subsequently instructed by the vendor to purchasers in-£135,000, completion taking troduced by the original agent. place on July 8, 1987. On July did not prevent that original 10 Mr Bullock paid commission agent from receiving payment.
The Court of Appeal so held to Kays of £2,328. He declined to pay commission to the plainin allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Peter Yates & Co. a tiffs who issued a writ. firm of estate agents, from the judgment of Judge Sellers in

Dismissing the plaintiffs' claim, the judge having found that Kays negotiated the sale, stated that "although the plaintiffs initially introduced the purchasers to the property and they considered the purchase carefully, they were unable to raise the necessary finance. They then roped in Mrs Hume and the purchase was made by

the three people. "There was no evidence that the plaintiffs knew anything of the existence of Mrs Hume who seemed vital to the purchase made through the other agents ... the plaintiffs were not the effective cause of the sale ... clearly Mrs Hume was essential to the purchase. The plaintiffs

did not introduce her to the property and therefore were not the effective cause of the sale." It was agreed that the question of the plaintiffs' entitlement to commission depended on whether they were or were not the effective cause of the sale. The recent authority on that question was John D. Wood & Co v Dantata (11987) 2 EG LR 23), applied by Mr Justice Gartand in Chesterfield & Co v Zahid (The Times February 13,

1989). In the Dantata judgment that his Lordship said that he had himself given he had stated:

to his commission February and April 1987 the "What you are looking for is the leading or bringing in of the purchaser to that transaction. That makes it clear that first acquaintance is not paramount and it explains why the test is expressed by reference to the effective cause of the

The state of the s

transaction." The defendants relied on that passage, contending that the admitted introduction of the Duxburys to the property was . not paramount or conclusive and that as the plaintiffs had not introduced Mrs Hume and after April 24 had played no effective :. part at all, the judge was right to "

conclude as he had. His Lordship said that although the introduction of the Duxburys by the plaintiffs was not decisive, the judge's conclusion could not be upheld.

Each such case depended on its facts and any different combination of facts might be available to show which of two ... firms of agents was the effective cause of a sale. The valid question was that asked by Mr lenriques: what would the position have been if Kays had never come into the matter?

Had the Duxburys and Mrs Hume gone personally to Mr ... Bullock and said that were ... willing and able to put up the £135,000, clearly the plaintiffs, who had done a lot of spade to commission.

The question then to be asked " of what they had done as regards -- the eventual purchase. There was no evidence of any effective part by Kays beyond their being the channel for the successful offer: the chain of causation had not been broken by them.

concurring judgment. Solicitors: Edwin Coe for Ashcroft Whiteside, Blackpool; Edwin Coe for Roland Robin-sons & Fentons, Blackpool.

### Delay reflected in child's damages award for lost mother

Corbett v Barking, Havering and Brentwood Health Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and

[Judgment May 18] Where on a claim for damages by an infant dependant under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 for the loss of the support of his mother there was a long delay before an award was made, the count of the delay and to allow some adjustment for it when fixing the multiplier as at the date of death.

The Court of Appeal by a majority (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson dissenting) so stated allowing an appeal on that issue by the infant plaintiff, Richard Brian Corbett, suing by his father and next friend, Brendan Desmond Corbett, from the decision of Judge Hayman sitting as a deputy High Court judge on June S, 1989. The defendants were granted leave

to appeal to the House of Lords The plaintiff's claim was against the defendants, Barking, Havering and Brentwood Health Authority, in negligence for causing the death of his mother while giving birth to until just before the trial when it was admitted and the trial proceeded on the question of damages. At the date of the trial 2 The likelihood of the depen-

and Mr Roderick Doggett for ing capacity of the provider the conventional figure arrived the plaintiff, Mr Jonathan being affected by the changes at after carrying out the exercise Playford, QC and Mr Terence and chances of life either in a in (c) above.

Before Lord Justice Watkins

An applicant for judicial review

who wished to rely upon grounds specified in his notice of motion but in relation to

It could not be emphasized

strongly enough how important it was for administrators in the

all relevant trial documents

Appeal Office at the earliest

possible moment.

and Mr Justice Ports

[Judgment May 10]

said that the judge considered that he was bound by authority to take as the overall period for again in a positive or negative dependency 18 years from the death. Applying normal dis-

counts he reached a multiplier At the date of the trial there was only 0.5 years to run before the full period of the multiplier expired, if the figure was to be essessed not only with the date of death as datum point but with the factors from which the multiplier was to be calculated assumed to be those which would be known to the court were the trial to have taken place on that date.

Considering himself bound by the authority of the House of Lords in Cookson v Knowles ([1979] AC 556), the judge took a multiplier of 0.5 in assessing post-trial damages.

The use of the multiplier approach for the capitalization of future damages to be com-pensated by a once-for-all lump sum was an adequate and well known instrument, but it had to be used appropriately. In every assessment of future

damages to be compensated by an immediate payment there were at least five essential of the support continuing

EX151. the plaintiff was eleven and a dant being alive to benefit from that support. Mr Harvey McGregor, QC 3 The possibility of the provid-

specifying those other grounds

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so stated in

considering a renewed applica-tion by Jonathan Howard Rob-

erts, Janet Ann Thain, Michael Digby Row and Janet Alison Knapton for leave to apply for

judicial review of a decision of

the Bow Street Stipendiary

**Crown court administrators must** 

forward documents promptly

Brooke) so stated on May 17.

when dismissing an appeal by

Carl Alexander Field against a sentence of three years deten-tion in a young offender institu-

tion imposed on April 25, 1989

at Liverpool Crown Court by Judge Campbell, on the appel-

Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice robbery.

to be relied upon.

Regina v Bow Street Stipendiary
Magistrata, Ex parts Roberts
and Otters.

the service of notice of motion serve notice on the respondent specifying those other grounds

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS
aid that the judge considered the dependant being altered by the changes and chances of life.

5 An acturial discount to compensate (i) for immediate receipt of compensatory damages in advance of the date when the loss would in fact have been incurred, and (ii) that the capital should be exhausted at the end of the period of dependency.

As a general rule to arrive at the multiplier it was necessary: (a) To consider the combined effect of (1) and (3) above to arrive at the number of years during which the provision of the support was likely to be available if needed by the dependant.

(b) To consider the combined effects of (2) and (4) to arrive at the number of years during which the dependant was likely to need the support.

(a) and (b) above, with an added as at the date of death, they must but usually minor discount to take account of a second of take account of an outside chance that the choice between (a) and (b) might in the event

The issue at the heart of the appeal was at what date should the known facts be taken when thermans

calculating elements (1) to (4)

The likelihood of the provider

above and when choosing the iscount in ()).

The judge was in error in considering that he was bound by Cookson v Knowles and Graham v Dodds [[1983]] WLR 808) to take a multiplier of 12 as

Adding grounds relied on in judicial review upon notice

The applicants had already obtained leave to apply for

judicial review in respect of one ground but wished to proceed

on some of the grounds for which leave had not been given.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-

ANS said that the documents in

the case had been delayed in the

crown court, resulting in a delay

That was intolerable and not

acceptable, bearing in mind that

the liberty of the subject was at

said that the practice as to reliance upon grounds other than those which had formed

Mr Roberts in person.

take into account, by adjusting the multiplier to be assessed as established at the trial.

That exercise was permissible when assessing the multiplicand default because the critical period to be considered in computing the multiplier was (a) rather than (b).

Frequently when (b) was larger than (a) the period over which the receipt of compensation was advanced was substantial and the element of that in the discount in (c) would also be substantial. When, however, (b) repre-

would not be much discounted from the remaining years to the age of 18. In addition the further discount arising from (4) would also be small. If those factors were put into

the multiplier assessed as at the date of death. That was not the same ex-ercise as that which the Court of

Appeal carried out in calculating the multiplier as at the date of trial in Graham v Dodds, since it still took into account the uncertainties surrounding the STLAIAST OF provider of the support.

The failure to do that was the main ground for the rejection of the Court of Appeal's approach and Lord Justice Farquharson Bridge of Harwich. It was for that reason that his Lordship disagreed with Lord Justice There was no justification for Ralph Gibson that Graham v

given by the single judge to an applicant for judicial review

Where an applicant had made

an application for leave to apply for judicial review on a number

f grounds and was given leave

to move expressly upon one of

them, it was unnecessary for

him to renew his application for the purpose of relying upon the

other grounds upon which he

had not specifically been given

leave to move provided, and

this was of the utmost im-portance, that he gave notice to

the respondents that he in-

tended at the substantive hear-

ing to rely upon one or more of

the other grounds upon which he had not expressly been given

leave by the single judge to

dents would have ample

opportunity to consider their position in respect of other grounds upon which the ap-

If that was not generally

known, and so as to remove all

plicant sought to rely.

needed to be explained.

adjusting the multiplier to take into account the facts arising from the delay before the trial took place. For the same reasons his Lordship could not agree that the judge's finding of the multiplier at 12 should not be

It was common ground that either 12 or 13 would have been the appropriate multiplier to cover 18 years dependency in normal circumstances. Not to make a meaningful adjustment because during 114 of the 18 years of dependency upon which the discounts in (b) would normally be applied but which no longer contain uncertainties would be illogical.

It did in the present case lead to the bizarre position where the dependency of a normal healthy individual was discounted to six months. In Cookson v Knowles multiplier in circumstances such as the present case was never directly in issue.

For those reasons the judge fixed a multiplier which was demonstrably too low and it was open to the court to use its own discretion and to substitute a multiplier of its own taking into account the facts available at the trial. His Lordship would award an uplift in the multiplier to take

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a judement concur ring with Lord Justice Purchas. Solicitors: Thompson Smith

applicant, who sought to rely upon grounds specified in his

notice and in respect of which

the single judge had not ex-pressly given leave, and who intended to rely upon one or more of those other grounds,

should within 21 days of the

service of notice of motion serve

upon the respondent a notice

which specified those other

grounds. It was not necessary to

make formal renewal on Form

Thus in the instant case the

applicants within the next 21

days had to give notice to the respondents of their intention to

rely on the additional grounds. Because the normal period for

filing affidavits had already elapsed the respondents would

have from the day of the receipt

of the notice from the applicants

### Retrospective correction is not effective for tenant's protection

Guest Heath plc v Mirza Before Mr Justice Alliot [Judgment May 11]

A retrospective alteration to the rateable value of property which was effective after the "appro-priate day" (defined in section 25(3) of the Reut Act 1977) did not afford protection under the 1977 Act, despite the fact that had the entry originally been correct, the tenancy would have

Mr Justice Alliot so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in finding that the tenant, Mr Tafazul Hussein Mirza, was not pro-tected under the 1977 Act and that the landlord. Guest Heath plc, was not estopped from contending that the tenant was

Section 25 of the 1977 Act provides: "(3) In this Act 'the appropriate day' - (a) in relation to any dwelling-house which, on March 23, 1965, was ... part of a hereditament for which a rateable value was shown in the valuation list then in force... means that date, and (b) in relation to any other dwelling-house, means the date on which such a value is or was first shown in the valuation

"(4) Where, after the date which is the appropriate day in relation to any dwelling-house. the valuation list is altered so as to vary the rateable value of the hereditament of which the dwelling-house consists forms part and the alteration has ffect from a date not later than the appropriate day, the rateable value of the dwelling-house on the appropriate day shall be ascertained as if the value hown in the valuation list on the appropriate day had been the value shown in the list as

Mr Paul Morgan for the landlord; Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Nicholas Dowding

MR JUSTICE ALLIOTT said that there were two principal issues: (i) was the tenant pro-tected by the 1977 Act in his occupation of 23 Longston Place, and (ii) if he was not, was contending that the tenant was not protected.

affidavits upon which it was It was commmon ground that on March 23, 1965 (the "appro-priate day") the rateable value After the expiry of that 56-day period the matter could be listed for hearing. Rent Act was £400. As from

March 22, 1973 the ceiling was lifted to £600 and from April 1.

if the rateable value of Longston Place exceeded those limits the tenant was not protected. If the value dipped below on any one of those days the

tenant was protected.
On April 1, 1963 the rateable value of the property was £680, it remained at that figure on March 23, 1965 and at March 22, 1973. By the last date, the tenant had made a proposal dated November 19, 1972 to reduce the rateable value. On the new list dated April 1, 1973 the property was valued at £1,763 and on July 9, 1973 the tenant made a further proposal to reduce the valuation.

In fact, both the valuations ment dated October 29, 1973 the valuation of £680 was reduced to £576 and £1,763 to £1.347. Those reductions wer effective from April 1, 1972 and April 1, 1973 respectively.

Mr Morgan submitted, inter alia, that the alterations to the list took effect on days very substantially later than the "appropriate day" and those alterations could not on the plain reading of section 25 of the 1977 Act give rise to protection which was determined by the rateable value at the "appro-

Mr Neuberger submitted that the merits were wholly on the tenant's side. His Lordship accepted that. Had not the original valuation been flawed it was clear that the property would

a figure which would have given protection.

Nevertheless, his Lordahip had no doubt that he would

exceed the proper bounds of statutory interpretation were he to hold other than that which ection 25(4) plainly said. Retrospective afteration to the ... list could not be effective later than the "appropriate day" and \_ the subsequent alterations to the list could not be relied upon to bring the tenant within the protection of the 1977 Act.

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Controlling

The second issue concerned in promissory estoppel. Mr. Neuberger correctly contended that the landlord between 1981 and 1987 (apart from a brief -period in 1984) maintained ... unequivocably that the tenancy ...

Mr Neuberger contended that ... if the landlord was entitled to -ssession be would be coming into a windfall because when the property was bought at auction on July 17, 1986 it was advertised as let to a protected or

Mr Morean submitted, interalia, that there was nothing inthe landlord's attitude in deciding to test the position at law in a . . . way that its predecessor had. A. declined to do which was per se unconscionable or smacking of

His Lordship agreed with that submission and therefore found that the landlord was not estopped from denying that the tenant was not protected. Solicitors: Pothecary & ...

# Tree order power

Newport Borough Council v A county court judge had jurisdiction under section 22 of the County Court Act 1984 to grant an injunction sought by a local

authority against the owner of land in support of a tree preservation order. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Beldam) so heid on May 9 when allowing an appeal brought by Mr Sabz Ali Khan against the decision of Judge Crowther at Newport County Court on November 22, 1989 to grant an interlocutory injunction sought by Newport Borough Council in support of its tree preservation order of April 19, 1989 which

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that although the judge did have the jurisdiction to grant an injunction in respect of or inrelation to land it was to be invoked only in exceptional ... circumstances and with great

More than a mere infringement of the criminal law was required. A deliberate flouting of the law would suffice. But those were not the facts of the present case and the evidence had not revealed that any further breaches of the tree ....

preservation order were likely to wan

The judge had not been justified on the facts of the covered 15 trees in Mr Khan's present case to grant the

#### **European Law Report**

The Court of Appeal (Lord lant's plea of guilty to attempted

### Luxembourg \*\* European Parliament can challenge act of Council or Commission in Court

European Parliament v Council radioactive contamination of the European Communities (supported by United Kingdom and by the Commission of the any other case of radiological ted arguments similar to those Encopean

Before O. Due, President and Judges Sir Gordon Slynn, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Zulceg, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and G. C. Rodriguez

Advocate General W. van (Opinion November 30, 1989) udement May 22] The European Parliament might bring an action for annulment

before the Court of Justice of the European Communities against an act of the Council or of the Commission provided that such an action sought only to defend the Parliament's powers and that it was based exclusively on arguments based upon the infringement of those powers.

The present action, brought under article 173 of the EEC Treaty and article 146 of the Euratom Treaty, sought the annulment of Council Regulation (Euratom) No 3954/87 of

During the procedure leading to the adoption of the disputed regulation, the European Par-liament, having been consulted by the Council in accordance with article 31 of the Euratom Treaty, stated its disagreement with the legal basis proposed by the Commission and invited the latter to submit a fresh proposal based on article 100(a) of the

EEC Treaty. Since the Commission did not accede to that request, the Council adopted Regulation No 3954/87 on the basis of article 31 of the Euratom Treaty. whereupon the European Parliament brought the present action for annulment.

entering into the substance.

The Council raised an objection to the admissibility of the action based upon article 91 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court and asked the Court to rule upon that objection without

In support of its objection, at December 22, 1987 laying down ment in Case 302/87 European maximum permitted levels of Parliament v Council (The

Commission of the Communities, emergency (OJ 1987 No L371, pl1). ted arguments similar to those which it had raised in support of its objection to the admissibility

The Commission, having been allowed to intervene in the present proceedings, although it argued for the dismissal of the application of the substance. invited the Court to dismiss the objection of inadmissibility raised by the Council.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows: It was appropriate to observe, as a preliminary matter, that

since the disputed measure was based upon a provision of the Euratom Treaty, the admissibility of the action seeking the annulment of that measure was to be assessed in the light of that

It was clear from the judgment in Case 302/87 that the Parliament had no right to bring an action for annulment under the provisions of article 173 of the EEC Treaty or those of article 146 of the Euratom Treaty which was identically worded

As pointed out by that judg-

liament have the right to bring an action for failure to act but also the Treaties provided various means by which acts of the Council or of the Commission adopted in infringement of the prerogatives of the Parliament

could be reviewed by the Court. None the less the background and the arguments had revealed that however useful and varied the various means of redress laid down by the Euratom and the EEC Treaties might be, they could prove to be inefficient or In the first place, an action for

to dispute the legal basis of an act which had already been uals with a view to the annul-

failure to act could not be used

Moreover, the submission of a preliminary question relating to the validity of a given act or the bringing of actions before the Court by states or individment of such an act, were mere possibilities upon which the

Parliament could not rely. Finally, although it was for the Commission to ensure the observance of the powers of the Parliament, that task could not go so far as to require the Commission to accept a possable pursuant to the Treaties for

present an application for annulment which, for its own part, it might view as ill-It followed from the foregoing

that the existence of the various legal remedies was not sufficient to guarantee in all circumstances, the annulment of an act of the Council or of the Commission which had infringed the powers of the Parliament. Those powers were one of the elements in the institutional

balance established by the Treaties. The Treaties had established a system of division of powers between the various institutions of the Community. which conferred upon each of them its own task in the institutional structure of the Community and in the achievement of the tasks conferred

Respect for the institutional

balance implied that each institution should be able to exercise its powers while observing those of the others. It required also that any infringement of that rule, should it arise. should be able to be punished. The Court, which was responlaw in their interpretation and application, had therefore to ensure that the institutional balance was maintained and consequently had to provide judicial review over the observation of the powers of the Parliament where a case was brought before it by the latter, by means of an action suitable

In carrying out that task, the Court obviously could not in-clude the Parliament among institutions which might bring an action pursuant to article 173 of the EEC Treaty or article 146 of the Euratom Treaty, without having to demonstrate a specific interest in the proceedings.

secking to attain.

It was, however, for it to ensure the full application of the provisions of the Treaties relating to the institutional balance and to act in such a way that, the European Parliament, like the other institutions, could not have its powers infringed with-out having the possibility of a legal action provided for by the Treaties and which could used in a certain and effective muuner.

The absence from the Treaties

Parliament to bring an action for annulment might constitute a procedural lacuna; however. that could not prevail over the fundamental interest in the maintenance and observation of the institutional balance laid down by the Treaties establishing the European Communities. Consequently, an action for to the objective which it was the annulment of an act of the Council or the Commission brought before the Court by the Parliament was admissible provided that that action sought

only to safeguard its powers and that it was based exclusively on grounds based upon the fringement of those powers. Subject to that reservation, an action for annulment by the European Parliament was to be brought in accordance with the rules laid down in the Treaties

for an action for annulment brought by other institutions. The various powers conferred upon the Parliament by the Treaties, included participation in the procedure for drawing up legislative acts in the context of the cooperation procedure laid down in the EEC Treaty.

In the present case, the Par-liament maintained that the disputed regulation was based

Treaty, which provided only for consultation of the Parliament, although it ought to have been based on article 100(a) of the EEC Treaty which required the opening of the cooperation procedure with the Parliament.

The Parliament therefore concluded that the choice by the Council of the legal basis for the disputed regulation had resulted in a failure to observe its powers ... r by depriving it of the possibility. provided for in the cooperation procedure, of taking a more active part in the drawing up of the act than was possible in the context of the consultation ... procedure

The Parliament having raised the question of an infringement of its powers following the choice of the legal basis of the disputed act, it followed from the foregoing that the present action was admissible.

On those grounds the European Court ruled: 1 The objection as to admissibility raised by the Council was

2 The proceedings would continue for consideration of the substance of the case.

TABLE TENNIS

**Defeated** 

**England** 

far from

disgraced

From RICHARD EATON,

Jorgan Persson, against Doug-las, but the outcome of this tournament was in many ways a

ournament was in many ways a riumph for the England players. To finish third or fourth when

so many leading countries were

Parker can take much of the medit. It was he who selected

sure from certain directions to

tigher status, and Chen can go tome to Yorkshire knowing that

e has done his new team proud.

ndeed, he was not far from the

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DELTIES.

IAN Stark, the 1988 Olympic Stark, aged 36 and one of individual three-day event silthe most honest and likeable ver medal winner, will be free members of the sport, has always protested his innoto compete in the world impionships in Stockholm cence in the case, which started last October when his this summer after his successful appeal against his three-month suspension imposed on him earlier this month by the International Equestrian horse, Foxy V, was found to have more than the permitted level of phenylbutazone ("bute") in his blood after he Federation for alleged abuse of had won the Werribee threeday event in Australia. Stark, who gave only a small dosage the pain-killing drug, phenyl-The appeals tribunal of the to the horse, remains mys-FEI considered Stark's case on tified as to how more than

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Monday and decided, partly double the permitted level was as a result of new veterinary found in the blood sample. and scientific evidence, to It was not until March, "cancel the suspension imfive months later, that posed on him by the judicial Stark heard of his three-month committee of the FEI and suspension, an unprecedented impose instead a fine of \$5,000 (£2,914)." sentence in the sport, one which reflected the FEI's determination, under its presi-dent, the Princess Royal, to The actual grounds for the decision are being sent by post crack down on all cases of to the British Equestrian drug abuse. Stark was clearly

Federation this week. The initial findings of the tribunal being made an example of were communicated by fax in His appeal was co-ordinated an attempt to speed up the by the British Equestrian FEI's notoriously lengthy Federation, to whom Stark juicial procedures.



shed in this competition

great benefit to British sport, including football itself.

have no control whatsoever over Skilball, which operate

will. The new game will increase the market and therefore the

overall funding of sport.
Finally, the presence amongst
the Golden Globe trustees of a

man of Mr Yarranton's experi

ence and judgement will be of positive value. He will be ideally

placed to ensure that sport gets a fair share of the funds and that

Sports Aid Foundation, 16 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

they are spent wisely.

NOEL NAGLE, Director,

Use of cameras

From Mr Raymond Wergan

Sir, How unimaginative our television soccer coverage is

the camera on the 18-yard line.

It gives a marvellous view of goalmouth action yet directors are frightened to use it live. It

shows quite enough width and much greater detail.

Directors realise this because 90 per cent of the time they go to

wait for a break in play, often

Nuvolari class, might overtake on the inside, and weave his way through the corner on an absurd line, provided that he could do so without inconveniencing his

so without inconveniencing insvictim.

For others, there was always the difficulty for a faster driver wishing to pass the slower driver of a car with similar performance. This was safely solved by hanging back two or three lengths on the approach to a corner, then carching and passing the car ahead on leaving the corner, by virtue of faster cornering ability.

This may have been a less exciting spectacle than that provided by Mr Mansell and his friends. But it was certainly

cornering ability.

been using it for ages.

Milton Point,

Sevenoaks, Kent.

Faithfully, RAYMOND WERGAN,

The greatest advance has been

Tortona, Italy,

Tumble fails to disrupt Oilers' flow



MARK Measier, of Edmonton Offers, may have been heading for a masty full after this cullision with a colleague, Glenn Anderson, but his team remained very smeh on course for their fifth Stanley Cup triumph in seven years after the 5-2 win over Boston Broize in Edmonton which gave them a 3-1 lead in

two teams on Tuesday, it seems quite inconculvable that the Broken will be also to lift thesiselves sufficiently to win the next

on scored twice to give the Offi Anterson scored twice to give the Organs two-goal lead at the first interval and they scored twice more in the second period, through Craig Simpson and Eas Tikkanen, in lead 4-5 at the second terrat. Simpson's goal was his 1-4th of the play-offs and gave him the overall goalscoring lead.

John Carter, but Simpon's second goal of the game, with less than two minutes remaining, restored the Oilers' four-goal

Renford in the Edu

from which from the opposition.

The fifth game is in Boston tonight and it is hard to imagine that a sixth game will be

# SPORTS LETTERS

#### Fears of World Cup reprisals

From Mrs Kay Heathcote Bassu and others Sir, We are a group of English

Stark, whose main aim

throughout the six-month case

has been to clear his name, is

delighted and relieved at the

result Speaking on Tuesday from his home just outside

Selkirk in Scotland, he said: "I

am thrilled with the outcome

of my appeal and can hardly

believe that the ban has been

totally lifted, even though a

large fine has to be faced. I'm

especially delighted for the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, my

sponsors for seven years, who

have been very supportive

on ferries transporting English fams to Sardinia and to enforce a 36-hour ban in and around the women living and working in Italy. Two of us are married to Italians and have children here. stadium. The rejuctance of the prefect in Cagliari to agree with such measures is no doubt due to financial considerations and an inadequate awareness of how As the World Cup approaches we are becoming increasingly concerned about the potential problems and reprisals which could result from the presence of English soccer hooligans in Sardinia. From reports in both the Italian and English press it seems as though we are almost reporting for war. We must

ing for war. We must

"innocent" fans who have no intention of causing trouble, the predominant preoccupation is how best to deal with the English thugs. We are amazed that the English have not been

ciple of allowing fans with such

We are in total agreement with the Minster for Sport's efforts to ban the sale of alcohol

Market will grow

From Brigadier Noel Nagle
Sir, John Goodbody (May 18)
comments on the "bizarre"
acceptance by Peter Yarranton acceptance by Peter Yarranton of an invitation to become a trustee of the Golden Globe Charity set up to distribute the funds donated by the Skilball computerised spot-the-ball game. Mr Goodbody implies that Mr Yarranton should not have accepted because, as chairman of the Sports Council, he already had an obligation to the Football Trust which might be

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affected by Skilball. The Sports Aid Foundation is the charity chosen by Golden Globe to distribute that part of its funding that will benefit sport. We see no conflict in, and many good reasons for, Mr Yarranton's trusteeship of Golden Globe which could be of

#### Centre reshaped

From Mr D.M. Honey Sir, The success of British rowing in the past two Olympics has only been made possible by the dedication of those with the

long-term foresight to promote junior rowing and sculling.

For the past 22 years, Barn Elms Rowing Centre has nurtured talent from inner London schools and has produced some outstanding rowers. The system has consistently proved itself, in 1989 the club had fifty victories. With the demise of Ilea and

90 per cent of the unite they go to it first for the action replay. Spectators know that the 18-yard line gives the best view, but concede that they will only see subsequent changover to the council of Hammersmith and Fulham, Barn Elms RC can no half the game.

Nor is the small inset picture used for immediate replays and points of analysis. Instead we longer function as before. It is being run strictly as a profitable enterprise and it will not insure its members to train after school much too long after the incident.
Italian TV showed how the inset
could be used during the San
Marino Grand Prix, while
Australian cricket coverage has hours - when all training occurs

or to go away to regartas.

If rowing is to continue to be available to all abilities, ages and sexes, Barn Elms RC must not be allowed to degenerate into a function-less facility. Yours sincerely, D.M. HONEY,

2 Besingby Road, Ruslip Manor, Middlesex. Civilized spectacle

From Mr Anthony Powys-Lybbe Sir, Mr Mansell's account (May 14) of his recent activity appals

When I first had a worm's eye view of these matters, almost sixty years ago, and for more than twenty years thereafter, there was an unwritten rule: the first into a corner had the right to it, on his proper line, without

interference.
A slower driver could surrender his right, by giving way, generally waving on an overtaking driver with a quick flick of the hand at shoulder height. His courtesy would commonly be

Or a very skilful driver, of the more civilized. And it was

Bad advertisement for football

From Mr Alan Colvill
Sir, The ill-tempered and undisciplined behaviour seen in
the FA Cup Final replay between Crystal Palace and
Manchester United was not a Unfortunately, we are going to see a good deal more of the same

week for all its hard work. Major Malcolm Wallace, the

director general of the British

"The FEI has said from the

outset that they believed lan to have 'acted in good faith',"

Wallace said this week, "and I

think that the revised findings

demonstrate this. However, a fine of nearly £3,000 also

shows how seriously such

mistakes are viewed and dem-

onstrate that a new tough line

is being taken for offences like

this involving medication. The BEF totally supports this

Stark, who has been a member of every champ-

ionship team since the 1984

Los Angeles Olympics, had been left off the long list for the world championships untl

the outcome of the appeal was

known. He looks certain to

claim one of the four team

places, with either Murphy

Himself or Glenburnie, the

horse on which he won a team

gold medal at the European

Stark has no plans to com

pete in any event before the

final trial for the world

championships at Milton

Keynes in early July. Because of the ban, he had not entered

for any events but be will ride

Glenburnie and Murphy Him-

self in the eventer's special

class during the Nations Cop

meeting at Hickstead at the

end of the month. He will then

go to the United States for 10

Championships last year.

in the coming weeks.

Surely it is time that associstrety it is time that association footbell adopted at least one rule from rugby football. In the latter, referees can, and frequently do, move the point of an infringement forward by ten yards if the offending team The brunt of reaction to any violence -by. English fams. in ... Sardinia will be borne not by the British government but by English people living in Italy. The memories of the Heyest diseaser are still very vivid and we are fearful (mainly for our children) of the retalistion which would result from any Italian blood shows dissent, or does not retreat the statutory distance quickly enough. The application of such a rule would have an immediate and salutary effect sult from any Italian blood on indiscipline around the pen-

Incidentally the Oxford dictionary defines sport as "amusement, diversion, fun". We are also certain to be subjected to generous doses of ham acting by players feiguing injury. Another severe irritant for the spectator, who is after all Yours sincerely, KAY HEATHCOTE BAZZU, JUDITH MANN CALVI, ANDREA BRADLEY, the ultimate financier of the business, is blatant time-

wasting. Yours faithfully, ALAN COLVILL,

The trustees of Golden Globe Clubs dispossessed quite separately as a commercial venture. Secondly, there is no evidence that Skilball will undermine the Football Trust, and the Pools Promoters' Association does not believe it

From Mr Ian Wood Sir, Newcastle United, as the third best team in the second division, should have been one of the three clubs promoted. The principle that this reward should so to the three top teams in the

go to the three top teams in the second division is distorted by the play-offs.

Why should the achievement of third place in the League be any more a matter of doubt than the achievement of first or second place? The play-offs do not resolve a doubt which ever arrised but rether disposue. existed but rather disposses deserving clubs and induce feelings of guilt in the lucky ones.

Disunited jealousy

From Mr A.W. Kenyon Sir, I was saddened to read the scathing and unnecessary attack on Manchester United Football Club by Simon Barnes (May 14). Exactly what has the club done to offend Mr Barnes?

The wealth of the club is created by the enormous support they enjoy, and it is these people who pay to see the best players in the country. Surely the dream of every fan of every club is to see the best players at club is to see the best players at his/her respective club. Is this a

Mr Barnes believes that every chub should share its gate re-ceipts with other clubs. Does he expect Manchester United to function as a charity? There is a certain amount of jealousy towards Manchester United due to their wealth and support. It certainly can't be due to their performances over the

Yours faithfully, A.W. KENYON, 54 Kennard House, Charlotte Despart Avenue, Battersea, SW11.

possible to enjoy racing for twenty years, off and on, with-out once "spinning off" or hirting or being hit by another

Do not imagine that this was a merely amateur sport. We carned good money. I remember being delighted to receive two pounds from my sponsors, a sparking plug company, for a third place. And I still wear a wrist watch bought with an order for fifteen pounds to jewellers in 1953, presented as a first prize.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, ANTHONY POWYS-LYBBE, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

From Ms Lisa Ratcliffe Sir, After watching the FA Cup final replay I must express my concern about the behaviour of the players, both to each other and to the reserve.

Rather than a game of skill and talent between two top-class teams, we viewed a constant exchange of vicious physical and verbal abuse which could hardly be called a game at all.

What is most worrying is that commentators rarely mention players' behaviour, as if it has become an accepted part of football. How can we expect supporters to behave at matches

It's about time managers clubs and the Football Associ-ation started to enforce some discipline on the players and stopped claiming they are the innocent victims of bad crowd

Yours sincerely, LISA RATCLIFFE, 167 Russeli Court, Woburn Place, WC1.

victory which upsets me, a Newcastle United supporter, as much as this distortion. Liverpool are the best club in the land pool are the best club in the land because they limish top of the League. We would never make them play-off for the League championship in a cup-style competition. Their quality is judged rightly in league terms.

Quality should also be the criterion for promotion to the first division and this season Newcastle United have earned the right to be promoted This.

the right to be promoted. This must be the last season afflicted by such an unsatisfactory finale. Yours sincerely,

A new spirit

From Mr S.E. Rice

Sir, Your cricket correspondent seems to have a very short memory. He describes (May 19) David Gower's omission from the West Indies tour as "callous" and suggests the selectors deserve little credit. Has he forgotten that the aquad chos by those same selectors won a Test match against West Indies and would surely have taken the series had not fate been against It was only the absence of Gower, Botham and the South

African rebels, players who had become accustomed to defeat, that enabled a new spirit to be born in the England side, proving that individual quality is no substitute for self belief.

If Gower can earn himself a place in the side once more all well and good, but let us not forget the contrast between last summer's humiliation and the

SIMON RICE 224 Sandycombe Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

Misplaced praise

EAST Berlin (Renter) — East Germany's athletes will be able to compete where they want this season, and keep most of the appearance money, the Berliner Zeitung newspaper reported yearerds).

It quoted Heinz Kadow, head of the the country's athletics From Mr Ardeshir Cowasjee
Sir, Zoroastrian Cyrus Goodridge has it all wrong The Sporting Diary (April 28)
congratulates the Zoroastrian
Cricket Club on their forthcoming tour of North America — as
do I, a Zoroastrian from Pakistan. But what has Ranji to do
with as Zoroastrians? Ranjitgrand prix meeting on July 4 by offering more money. Pre-viously, athletes were strictly changeround and allocated evwith us Zoroastrians? Ranjit-sinjhi, the Maharaja Jam Saheb ents, and prize-money or appearance money for for-cigners was limited. Kadow also said talks would of Nawanagar state, was a

Yours etc., ARDESHIR COWASJEE 10 Mary Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

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# but Persson was this time out to get him; while the men's doubles, so long a problem, once again offered encouragement that Douglas and Cooke are beginning to integrate. When Carl Prean, who has been playing for his club in the West German League, rejoins the squad, there could be some great days ahead for England. Casting vote may be needed to settle Ryder Cup dispute

The Ryder Cup committee meets at Wentworth today to decide where the 1993 match between Europe and the United States will be held. There are 11 contenders, although I suspect only three of them will warrant serious discussion. erious discussion. Bernard Gallacher, the Euro-

pean captain, has already stated that the PGA European Tour will give full and unequivocal support to Club de Campo, on support to Camp de Campo, on the outskirts of Madrid. The Professional Golfers Associ-ation will surely support The Belfry, Sutton Coktfield, where was at The Belfry in 1985 that Europe regained the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1957 and where last September they re-tained it by virtue of a hardfought tie.

There is every likelihood of a

There is every likelihood of a stalemate since the Ryder Cup committee, which is chaired by Lord Derby, is made up of three members of the PGA European Tour (Neil Coles, Gallacher and Tony Jacklin) and three from the Professional Golfers Association (Brian Anderson, David Huish and Philip Weaver). Lord Derby has been placed in an Derby has been placed in an invidious position, since he is president of both associations. Relationships between them are not as cordial as they might be.

In his foreword to The Illustrations. trated History of the Ryder Cup 1927-1989 by Michael Williams (Stanley Paul, £14.95), Lord Derby wrote: "The Ryder Cup— a seed merchant's dream that has become an amazine reality and a major sporting occasion eagerly anticipated by everyone with an interest in the game. Over the years the venues, the format, even the teams have changed but one factor has

The goodwill, good manners and sportsmanship that are so essential to the continuing for-tune of these matches are a common thread running through all the 28 contests already played." These are words well worth heeding, off

The other prospective venues

— Ballybunion, Carnoustie, East
Sussex National, Hillside, Kil-Loch dare, Portmarnock, Royal Birkdale and St Mellion - would appear whose presentation impressed both the PGA and the Tour officials. The Portmaroock bid has been enthusiastically supported by both the Irish govern-ment and the Irish Tourist

Board and offers an obvious The Ryder Cup, of course, provides the exposure which can turn a course into a commercial successs, as proved by events at The Beiffy. Indeed, St Mellion made an uncondi-tional offer of £1 million and it is thought that was subsequexceeded by Kildare.

Derrick Pillage, a consultant for St Mellion, said: "We put £1 million on the table with no surings attached. We also said that if we got the match then we would build a £5 million hotel and that, with extras, the offer would amount to a guaranteed sum of £1.5 million."

public, that the committee will discount such offers and nomi-

The Belfry.
Sam Torrance and Ian

Spain is a huge growth area for the game, with seven PGA European Tour events now played there, and the Spanish should be even better versed in the art of staging international events after experience with the 1992 Olympics and Expo '92.
What goes against the grain is that the PGA European Tour's decision has been influenced by veiled threats made by

Ballesteros, whose form in the last twelve months has been suspect, might require a "wild card" selection in 1993. The only point in playing the Ryder Cup in Spain in 1993, or so we are led to believe, is to ensure that Ballesteros is still a playing number of the unit. Callacher has said that 1997 might be too late. Might not 1993? Wo not be better to wait until 1997, when Ballesteros could captain

the team?

Some observers point out that

There has been much discussion over Ballesteros's declaration that his desire might be diluted if the Ryder Cap does not go to Spain. Peter Alliss, a former PGA captain and eight times a Ryder Cup player.

Now, as Gallacher says, it is time to to bring speculation to an end. He feels the most important item on today's agenda should be the prepara-tions for the defence of the sum of £1.5 million."

Last year the Ryder Cup made a profit of only £750,000 despite an attendance of 100,000 and a large income from TV rights.

Even so, one must assume on the basis of the facts aired in the basis of th

Mange bit Kim Song-hai and Kim Gui-chot, 21-18, 19-21 21-17, Sweden bit England 3-0 (Swedish names first): J-O Waldner bit Chan Kirikus, 21-18, 16-21, 21-16; J Persson bit D Douglas, 21-18, 16-21, 21-16; J Persson bit D Douglas, 21-18, 21-16; Waldner and M Appelpren bit Douglas sand A Cooks, 22-20, 19-21, 21-16. Fineli Sweden bit China 3-2 (Swedish names first): Parsson bet to Chan Zhibin, 22-20, 18-21, 20-22; Waldner lost to Chan Longcan, 13-21, 10-21; Waldner and Appelgran bit Chao Zhibin and Me Wange, 19-27, 21-14, 21-18; Persson bit Chan Longcan, 21-18, 21-18; Appelgran bit Ma Wange, 21-15, 27-28 Woosnam both feel that it should go back to The Beifry.

MOD PENTATHLON

#### Women face continental examination BY MICHAEL COLEMAN

FOUR oversees countries have sent competitors to the national women's championships which begin at Wantage tomorrow. The event has been given the elevated status of a qualifier for the world championships in Sweden in August; a score of 4,500 points or more is the goal. All five sports will benefit from the presence of teams from Hungary, Sweden, Denmark and Italy, where standards have overtaken those of the British. Performances at Wantage will also decide the British teams for

Sweden and for the world junior championships in Hungary in July. The juniors will be putting pressure on favoured seniors, such as Cathy Young, who has been selected for the Goodwill Games in Seattle, Sara Jane Cox, impressive in Paris recently, and Alison Hollington.
The Vale of White Horse District Council is again suppor-ting the three-day contest.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

# Games form a joyful springboard to the future

AS with any endeavour, it pays dividends to recruit people into

sport when they are young, which is one of the aims of the British Sports Association for the Disabled/Variety Club Mini Games, held at the Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium in Aylesbury. The number of eatrants increases every year, with over 160 children aged between eight and 12 from special schools and clubs around the country taking part in this year's Games.

ATHLETICS

East Germany

relaxes rules

of the the country's athletics federation, as saying East Ger-many would also be able to

attract more internationals to its

be held with the West German

athletics federation this week-

end to discuss how to merge their organizations, and that some joint German teams could appear at selected meetings.

commitment and determination on the faces of the children leaves one in no doubt just how seriously they take wit No one collects a prize com-

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FENNER'S: Cambridge University v

THE PARKE Oxford University V

EUROPEAN CRICKETER CUP

CHARTEN CUP (Querney).

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Other matches

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ing first but every entrant the more severely disabled with receives a certificate for taking flat bats and sides to the table.

The atmosphere of the Games is relaxed, with an emphasis on enjoyment and participation rather than competitiveness. However, they are intended as an introduction to competitive sport and as a springboard to junior events. The event's director. Louise Richards, says the temperature than determination of these using electric wheel-There was a wide spread of disabilities, from the quite able to those using electric wheel-

chairs. Events included swim-ming, track and field athletics, boccis, table tennis and polybet, a form of table tennis played by

Britain has sponsored the Mini Games for the past four years, there have always been plenty of celebrities on hand to present the award. This year it was Sharron Davies's turn to provide extra inspiration to the

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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# Pushing the boat to the limits to keep pace '

IT HAS been a great adventure. The highlights have been the excitement of surfing at 30 knots with the boat balanced on a knifeedge between windswept and wipe-out; the anticipation of seeing how the opposition stood after Rothmans made a good day's run; and the welcome we received at each port of call.

The minus points are the worries I have carried with me throughout the 33,000-mile race of losing a man overboard or being dismasted. The disappointment is of finishing fourth.

No one likes to lose but the fact is that Peter Blake and his New Zealand crew on Steinlager 2 never put a foot wrong. Four previous Whithread campaigns have taught him the importance of preparation and the very different skills employed racing across oceans to round the buoys.

Rothmans launched this campaign a year before the start. We ere already a year behind Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel programme when Rob Humphreys, Rothmans designer, drew the first lines of the hull.

With the drawings required a month later, there was little time for research and development and even less to study the weather patterns around the world to the extent we now know is required. We chose a sloop rig because it was the simple proven option.

The first warning that a ketch might be the faster choice came when we obtained the performance data of Steinlager and Fisher from a normally reliable source shortly after Rothmans' launch when there were only five months to the start of the race.

The information suggested that both ketches were five per cent faster when sailing off the wind and similar in performance upwind and down. This was then confirmed during the Fastnet race in August, just six weeks before the start of the Whitbread, when the two ketches finished just minutes apart, leaving Rothmans

to trail in third 40 minutes astern. It was only then that we began to appreciate the full extent of

The former England captain,

which is bound for Barbados.

Sandra Price has stepped in to

fill the team manager's position for the England senior squad's

impending trip to Australia after Joyce Wheeler was forced to withdraw due to family illness.

Like Hipsey. Price, who is from Coventry, will be under-taking her first foreign engage-ment as team manager. Liz

the Ali England Netball Associ-

"It is nice to see overseas

the past, we have been criticized

Last weekend, the AENA's

executive listened to a draft

same small set of people."

The British umpire on the tour



The skipper of Rothmans concludes his special reports to The Times on the Whitbread Round the World Race.

what we were up against and the uphill battle we would have to wage to keep on level terms. Many people have asked me since why we did not add a mizen-mast to Rothmans, but the simple fact is that it was impossible, having once decided to build a shorter. lighter design to the Kiwi ketches.

Also, there was no time to optimize the sails or learn to get the most from the rig during the short period we had to work the yacht up. Instead, we worked to improve on the design of our innakers and genoas, successfully closing the one fifth of knot advantage Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit, displayed when reaching during the Fastnet race.

From that point on, we knew that the risk-taking would be ours. While Blake and Dolton eased up in heavy weather, we had to push Rothmans to the limits all the time, just to keep pace. There was no point, either, in following in

We had to break away in the hope of experiencing better winds elsewhere and the closer we came to the finish, the greater the gambles we had to take. Another aspect that did not help our cause was the very calm weather experienced during Rothmans trials last

Indeed, the first heavy weather experienced hit us with a vengeance during the first week of the race as we led Steinlager past Cape Finisterre. The gale hit with such intensity that we were caught in the 50-knot blast with full mainsail and a spinnaker set and no immediate means of getting them

I had never been so apprehen-



Bow and scrape: Lawrie Smith points to the damage caused to Rothmans by an unknown object during the final leg of the Whithread Round the World Race

sive. Running wildly out of control, we had no idea whether the rig would stand the pressure or come tumbling down so soon in the race. Eventually, we regained control and gybed back towards the rhumb-line course while Steinlager and Merit surged on 30

HOWEVER unwanted. Scot-land will carry more than just the hopes of their fellow countrymen when they leave for New Zealand today. The rest of Britain—and France, no. I dare say—will eagerly follow their progress in the hope of detecting signs of structural faults in the four-year-old wall of invincibil-

ity with which the All Blacks are

international series with the holders of the World Cup will surely be billed down under as the clash of the two hemispheres; such is the penalty of

success against England at Murrayfield on March 17 when

Scotland scooped the pool -

championship.
"We were going to New

Zealand long before the developments of this season," Ian McGeechan, Scotland's

coach, said but that does not

alter the increased load to be

borne on the broad shoulders of David Sole and his players,

have generated great interest both within Britain and from

Whether recent events in New

exiled Scots all over the world.

to be seen. No side can easily

player such as John Gallagher — due to be paraded tomorrow by

Moreover

degrees off course but into a better wind pattern in mid-Atlantic. That was our second mistake. During the first leg we spent our time looking for short-term gains from the weather, rather than taking a longer view and even-

tually ran out of wind off the Cape

domestic competitions. That is how we have always seen it. To

that players have to improve. It's the hardest tour you can undertake." If they are to make an impact, too, the Scots will have to develop a broader offensived at home in they disclosed at home in the years.

displayed at home in the season

watch proceedings with interest

World-Cup group as New Zealand next year. The Rugby Football Union had technical

observers at many of New Zealand's games during their tour in Wales and Ireland last

aummn and they will watch eagerly for any newcomers in All

Black ranks - and whether such luminarity as Michael Jones and

John Kirwan re-emerge after injury. Kirwan, the wing who ruptured an Achilles tendon

against Pontypool last October has played club rugby in Auck

land this year but has yet to play

for his province and observers believe he has lost some of his

TREVOR Ringland, of the

Ballymena club, Ireland's most-capped wing with 34 inter-national appearances; will assist CIYMS next season in a coach-

in that environment as well. New Zealand, is so valuable

RUGBY UNION

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Leeds Rugby League Club — and there may be a rare sense of unease about the possibility of other players following him into the professional ranks. Australia

are accustomed to losing their union heroes; the All Blacks are

But Gallagher, in conversa-tion with McGeechan earlier

this month, mentioned the

they can be most dangerous

when new players are coming in

because not only are they very good, in the sense of the basic skills, but they are very keen,"

The Scottish coach will do his

best to protect his players from undue pressure but he will

acknowledge to them and to the public at large that it is im-portant they do well, both for

their own amour propre and for their development as individ-uals. That has not been the case

for a decade: not one of the last

three teams from Britain to visit

New Zealand has won an inter-national — the 1983 British Lions were erased 4-0, a lack-lustre England party 2-0 in 1985

Wales in 1988 are too recent to

roopen,
"We get most from our
players by touring," McGeechan
said. "It is from that we get our

McGeechan said.

nd. "Like the French

Verde Islands while Steinlager, Merit and Fisher & Paykel surged on 200 miles further out in the The third mistake was to push

the boat too hard in the head winds met off Uruguay. Crashing off one particularly steep swell, the boat spirt open across the deck, forcing us to slow right down. In the Southern Ocean we found were in our element. Rothmans was designed to excel in heavy-running conditions and but for a constant round of

poles we would have undoubtedly centen the 400-mile a-day barrier. Instead, we pressed the boat as hard as possible and were level pegging with the ketches right up to the finish line of this longest stage to Fremantle and during the next jump to Auckland.

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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

### A violent shadow over tour victory

FROM PETER WARD IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

N and Highlands Zones 10 Great Britain ....

VIOLENT clash between police and rioting supporters cast an ugly shadow over Great

While the British touring team were beating the Northern and Highlands Zones in Lac, police resorted to firing tear gas at stone and bottle-throwing supporters who had been locked out of the ground.

The players survived intact, as did the takings at the turn-stiles, but the longer-term effect on the players involved in a match further scarred by allega-tion of bias by the referee and by a crowd at near-fever piach will All who took part stressed what a unique occasion this was.

The unfamiliar surroundings, the beat, the police action outside and the partisan crowd combined to turn the match into a battle, not so much physical, since there were no injuries to suggested that the players had crammed 12 months' experiance into one same.

The first half saw an exchange of tries, with the combined side's score, in reply to Chris Bibb's try, a more clean-cut affair with their loose forward, Elara, breaking clear to run 40 yards to score. Two goals for each side meant a scoreline of 8-The second half, in the taxing

gerous against a more dangerous side than the Southern Zone selection last Sunday, who scored 18 points to 14 in the second period against a stronger of Festherstone Royars, scored three tries and two goals with only a goal in reply and possibly provoked a re-thinkby Malcolm Reilly, the coach, and his fellow

selectors over places in the Test Fox's tireless display could bring him preference over Bobby Goulding, of Wigen; Paul Dixon, who scored one of the second-half tries, was impressive in the front row, and Lee Jackson, of Hull, while he is not going to displace Martin Dermott, from Wigan, as hooker, could well find himself

stint of non-stop tackling. SEINI Of NON-SIOP EXCHING.

SCORERS: Northern and Highlands: Trys
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# Amateurs go pioneering

By Keith Macklin

WHEN the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) was launched in the early 1970s only five countries played amateur rugby league. Now there are 16, according to Maurice Oldroyd in his rallying call to the 26 players and accompanying officials who left Leigh yesterday for the South Pacific tour of the Cook Islands, The BARLA tour will be the

first time that a major international tour has included these developing countries, and there will be a representative game against a Pacific XIII to finish

and the team manager is Ivo Kelland, a former professiona front row forward with Barrow, FTMERARY: Ney 29: v Tupapa. June 2: v Cook lelands. Jene 6: v Apia District. June GYMNASTICS

#### **Prospects** look good for Britain

By Peter Aykroyd BRITAIN are "cautiously opti-European symmatics cham-pionships at Lausanne on Sat-urday and Sunday, according to Eddie van Hoof, the men's national coach.

Neil Thomas and James May, respectively the British cham-pion and runner-up, could at best achieve medals for floor and vault in a competition likely to be dominated by Soviet gymnasts, Thomas, indeed, won the vault and the silver medal for floor at the recent Grand Prix de Paris, defeating Valentin Mogilny and Sergei Kharkov, the main Soviet contenders for the European individual title. May was fourth in Europe last

year on vault, and Terry Bart-lett, the third member of the British team, won the Cham-pions All international tournament at Birmingh Preparations for the Euro-

peans has been thorough but Barlett attending a training camp in France for a formight this month.

For Mogilny, the world and European No. 2, the competition could be his last chance

to win a leading overall title. A gifted performer of great experience, he is let down continually by a weak floor exercise. Last year, he was defeated for the title by only five-hundredths of a mark by igor Korobchinsky, who later also became the world champion; Korobchinsky is not

competing in this event.

Kharkov, the Olympic floor gold-medallist, is tackling his first important international championships since Seoul. The third Soviet is Vitali Scherbo, a talented young comment being talented young gymnast being tested at this level after finishing fourth in the Chunichi Cup in

fourth in the Chunichi Cup in Japan last November.
Other strong rivals include Andreas Wecker, of East Germany, ranked fourth in the world, and Marius Gberman, of Romania, who is ranked eighth. Of the Western gymnasts, Juri Chechi, of Italy, Alfonzo Rodriguez de Sadia and Patrice Casimir, of France, can be expected to perform with flair. Cost users Series, June 28: v He'steine. | Casimir, of France, can be June 15: v Tongs, June 28: v Pacific XIII. | expected to perform with flair.

NETBALL

# Hipsey set to tour | Scots off to storm wall as team manager

By LOUISE TAYLOR

report from a team of manage-JILLEAN Hipsey travelled the ment consultants recruited to help netball's governing body run in a more effective and world during almost 20 years of playing for England, but in July she goes on tour in a new sconomic manner. capacity, as the team manager.

"The report was received very positively," Nicholl said. "Principal recommendations innow aged 41 but still playing county netball for Essex Metrocluded a dramatic reduction in size for the national council, and that it assumed the role of the the England Under-21 squad present executive, thereby becoming the association's pol-icy-making arm." vill be Brenda Hayter, from the

the AENA's various committees become much smaller, therefore promoting increased efficiency and a reduction in the number tees have a greater degree of autonomy and are allowed to make their own decisions, in-stead of constantly referring and that the executive should be

Nicholl, the chief executive of prepared to delegate more work among such committees.
"With the 1995 world championships being staged in Birmingham, this report is very timely," Nicholl said. "We want to use 1995 in Birmingham as a stage of the committee o ation (AENA) yesterday wel-comed the two appointments. opportunities opening out for new people," Nicholl said. "In to use 1995 in Birmingham as a tool to develop the game, but if it is to be effective, we need to become more streamlined, which is what this report is all about. Implementing these for not helping newcomers and instead leaving all the attractive changes by 1995 has got to be our target."

SQUASH RACKETS

### Barrington beats drum

JONAH Barrington's efforts to continue the growth of the sport pean closed championship in set alight as a player in the 1970s are underway again this week as he drums up support for Champions summer tournament for club champions (Colin McQuillan writes).

"Squash is so much more tennis now," Barrington said.
"The top professionals will be in Portugal and Greece over the next few weeks for increasingly

Preview by Jane Pontifex and the

Full colour show coverage from Shropshire,

Mark Phillips eventing column

pean closed championship in The Champion of Champions tournament brings the leading male and female club players, ers of their local closed tournaments, into direct confrontation at eight regional venues during the first week of next month. The regional winners move on to national quarter-finals and semi-finals in Coventry over the weekend of

June 16 and national finals in London on June 20.

The winners will gain a year's kit sponsorship from Dunlop

WINDSOR HORSE TRIALS

Romanians seek self-belief

VICTORY is not necessarily the primary ingredient that Roma-nia seek when they play France here today, after all they have never beaten the French away from home. But they need reassurance that they can compete effectively with the world's leadrevolution atmosphere in

They began well enough la month when they beat Italy 16-9 in Frascati and the British Police will testify to the durability of their tight forwards after losing 38-10 in Bucharest last week. The Romanians have resisted the temptation to play two talented newcomers: DuFROM DAVID HANDS, AUCH

mitru at full back, and Racean, scorer of three tries against the police, on the wing.

But it must help the redevelopment of the game in Romania to have a credible role model in the patients. model in the national team.

Mihai Nicolescu, president of the Romanian federation discussed the planned restructuring of the game yesterday and said: All roads are open to us now, everything is possible."
Although the federation is still

including the £500,000 raised by the charity match at Twick-enham last month.

"In the long term we want to develop a national youth rugby centre which would help the introduction of the game into schools," Nicolescu said.

There will be exchanges of coaches and referees with other countries and already four coaches from Britain are coaches from Britain are scheduled to visit Romania in August to help the national side.

Narry, D Neage (Disamo), & Leonia (Siesue), & Leonia (Giesue), & Leonia (Giesue), & Cojocatia (Baia Mare), C Cojocatia (Disamo), & Raddescu (Stesue), H Demitres (Contactoure Buzzel, capteri).

dependent for finance upon the has been considerably increased and they have access to the funds raised by rugby-playing countries all over Europe —

#### Scottish grass court riches to rags story

By a Special CORRESPONDENT

THE Scottish grass court championships, which featured John McEnroe in 1989, has gone from riches to rags and will involve principally

home-based players this year. Indeed, it is understood the tournament, at Craiglockhart from June 9 to 17, has so far attracted only four entries before Monday's closing date. No sponsor has been found to succeed the Bank of Scotland, Association (SLTA) is adamant that the tournament, which is the second-oldest in the world

after Wimbledon, will go ahead. The prize-money for the winner of the men's singles title this year is believed to be only £150, compared to the £30,000 John McEnroe received for winning the event last year.

# High cost of competition in Europe

By a Special Correspondent ONE of the first sporting signs

of the crumbling of barriers between Eastern and Western Europe was the setting of 1989 world gliding championship from eastern Austria over Hungary. Now, Poland is able to host the 1990 European championships, which start this weekend. It will earn her "hard"

Finance is a major obstacle to Britain's hopes of ensuring the presence of its most competent team. In one of the last truly amateur sports, it may be that a pilot from a well-heeled family can afford superior equipment, but that generally only goes so far as enabling him to devote more time, earlier in life, to gaining experience.
It is significant that the top

three or four pilots in the most recent national junior championships all came from resourced, but with the environ-

ment of a gliding parent.

The British team places are very much earned on merit, yet our ability to field the full

permitted team, which is usually two pilots in each of three es, very much depends on their own significant personal obligation towards the costs, almost £1,200 each for preworlds in Minden, Nevada, this July, and the time allocation of eave from their businesses. For international events,

there is a contribution from the British Gliding Association and some Sports Council and Sports Aid Foundation grant. The handful of experienced

pilots in the pool for international contests are experiencing another pressure on their time resources, because more events being set more fre-

Paradoxically, this does provide the occasional extra opportunity for an up-and-com-

10 days of July, there are the traditional pre-worlds at the site of next year's world championships in Nevada, at which Britain is fielding a full team of

However, some candidate ni. lots have chosen to use their leave at the European championships in Leszno, Poland, starting this weekend.

Five of the seven British pilots in Austria last year are going to Minden next month. including the three medallists.
Andy Davis, Justin Wills and Andy Davis, Justin Wiles and Chris Garton. They, and Martyn Wells and Robin May, are being joined by Pamela Hawkins, who earns her chance in the United States partly because the alternative candidate, David Watt, elected to challenge the Europeans in Poland.

in Leszno next week is led by John Bally, aged 41, a farmer ing pilot. This year, in the first from Powys, who competes in the Open section. He is joined by Ralph Jones, from Berkshire, a sailplane agent in his fifties, who has won 10 national contests, competed in three world championships, and holds a dozen national records.

In the 15 metre class, Ted Lysakowski, a commercial manager from Essex, and three times a previous European contestant, and Peter Sheard, aged 46, an airline captain from Oxford, who is the reigning national champion, bear British hopes.

Dave Watt. aged 37, an airline pilot who has twice previously representing Britain in world championships, competes the team in the Standard section. alongside Leigh Hood, aged 46, a gliding instructor who is on his first overseas excursion.

About 100 pilots from 20 European countries are expected to contest a fortnight's tasks. East Germany is fielding two pilots and West Germany the largest entry of eight pilots.

and West Midlands, Leicester County, Brighton Driving and Lanark County Preview of the Horse and Hound Final Champion Hunter 'Chase at Stratford Extract from J.N.P. Watson's new book Horse and Carriage, Relive the pleasure of riding in London's Rotten Row Each week Horse and Hound brings you up-to-date news and views with full colour pictures from the equestrian scene. New comprehensive results section - For the record

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# Moon Cactus to take centre stage

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS) YESTERDAY, it was the three-year-old colts who occupied the stage at Goodwood. Today, it is the turn of the fillies, who contest the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes over the same mile and a

So far no winner of this listed race has gone on to win the Oaks, although Scimitarra would have gone very close at Epsom in 1987 if only her off-fore canon bone had not broken halfway up the

Today, her trainer Henry Cecil relies upon Moon Cac-

By Mandarin

2.40 Spanish Servant, 3.10 Moon Cactus.

4.10 Groombridge. 4.45 Far From Home.

3.40 JONDEBE BOY (nap).

2.10 Pure Green.

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Kris, and also racing for the first time as a three-year-old.

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The state of the state of the first time as a three-year-old. able to sire horses who get further than he did when mated with the right mare. So it is reasonable to sup-

pose that Moon Cactus should find today's trip well within her grasp, especially since she is out of a mare by Mill Reef. As a two-year-old she took high rank after finishing only a head behind Silk Slippers in the group two Hoover Fillies' Mile at Ascot, that after winning at Goodwood and

Interestingly, at Ascot she

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

4.10 Rue De Cirque.

3.10 MOON CACTUS (nap). 3.40 Betzushka.

2.10 Pure Green.

COOMEON TO

Selections

By Michael Seely 2.40 TIMMINION (nap). 3.10 Moon Cactus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,10 MOON CACTUS.

Going: good to firm (watering) Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.19 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: 22,985: 77) (9 runners)

6 ANNA KARIETTA 21 (Lord Chelsen) H Candy 8-11.
CASTLE GALAH (Mrs S Woodman) S Woodman 8-11.
DANCER'S FRST (A Cox) G Lewis 8-17.
E2- DREAMAWILE 225 (Hesmonds Stud) P Walleyn 8-11.
9 MAID OF NONOR 33 (Mrs R Moth) (Fisieling 6-11.
0- POLLY MRL DOWNEY 282 (Mrs T Moriarry) D Elsworth 8-11.
20 PIMER GROFFEN 42 (MR) (Styling Students) J Gosdon 8-11.

PURE GREEN 18 (BF) (Ecurio Fustok) M Mouberak 8-11.

On only 31b better terms, Kris has shown that he is Fujairah should not be capable of reversing that form. Likewise, Native Guile, who was beaten three lengths by Moon Cactus in the Black Bottle Scotch Whisky Prestige Stakes, run on today's course last August, should not man-

age to beat my selection with a similar pull in the weights. River Nomad could prove very troublesome because she looked like a filly with further improvement in her when she won over a mile at Ascot at the beginning of this month.

at the finish that day and I know that her trainer Paul Cole rates her quite highly. It

become the middle leg of a treble for her jockey Steve Cauthen, a treble to be initiated by Pure Green (2.10) and completed by Far From Home

4.45 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: 22,971: 7f) (11 runners)

OUESTIONING (Shelich Michement) J 99846-4 ZIZAMA 12 (A Seed) C British 8-11.

5.20 LEVIN DOWN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,045: 6f) (12 runners)

(1) 4911-13 CORSIN HELL 149 (D.SF,P) (R Carell) N Callegber 9-7.
(5) 51-0 GLENSTAL PRINCESS 14 (D.P) (J Grainen) R Guest 9-2.
(6) 2051- DARAKAH 254 (P) (Hernden Al-Misticum) C Sanaturd 8-11...
(7) 36-1 THICE-RESID 19 (F) (M Worth) W Jarvie 8-7.
(8) 901-0 MERKA 34 (S) (K Bettel) R Boss 8-6.
(10) 44450-3 ALCANDANCE 25 (N Cowan) C James 8-2.
(10) 918-000 ROYAL SUPPREME 18 (S) (R Shroft) G Lewis 8-2.
(9) 231623 MUSICAL RASH 17 (BF.3) (M Grazh) R Hannon 8-2.

04036-8 BUFFS EXPRESS 15 (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 7-11-40024-9 TENDER TRAIL 28 (Z Ahmsel) C Bensteed 7-7 0005-91 COCULLAN 24 (F) (Kingstone Warran Partners) H Candy 00-0004 MY RUBY RING 10 (Mrs M Wickham) M Ueher 7-7

iQ: 13-8 Questioning, 5-2 Far From Home, 4-1 Zizania, 10-1 Little Kraker, 14-1 Glanstal Pr

ers) H Candy 7-7 \_\_

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FORM FOCUS FAR FROM HOME, below form at Checter (71 122yd, good); previously had sheped with 
promise when 51 7th to Pressure in an aboveerage matiden at Newbury (71, good).

GLENSTAL PRIDRY best of three efforts last season 
when a strying on 8th to Charming Ballwina at 
Chester (71, good to firm).

LITTLE KRARGE best of three efforts last season a 
8 5th to Rousillants at Newbury (81, good) with 
ZEZAMIA 48 8th. PETIVARA bastism 15 when 14th of 
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(4) 422-210 CRAKAFU 28 (0.F.G.) (Gymcrak Racing III Pic) M H Easterby 4-9-10 M Sirch
(5) 90500-2 LE CHIC 6 (J Wehran) D Chepman 4-9-5 S Wood (5)
(7) 440450- HSSHLAND ROWENA 245 (0.F.G.) (Nrs G Rowe) 8 McMahon 5-9-3 J Lowe
(3) \$200-00 LADY ALONE: 15 (3) Frankfamily J Courpak 3-9-1 W R Swindown
(8) 364300- MORTH OF WATFORD 210 (0.F.) (Mrs H Wans) K McCaulby 5-9-12 S Webster

1989: LONG ISLAND 8-1 L Dessori (15-2) N Celleghan 7 min

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BETTING: 9-4 Gypsy River. 3-1 Moscow Dynamo, 5-1 Pappagello, 10-1 Puna Class, 12-1 Cu Singer, 14-1 Scotish Reform, 16-1 Vintage Type. 1880: ERIVAN 8-7 M A Giles (7-2) M Stoute 11 ran

BETTING: 7-2 Windward Ariom, 4-1 Chentry Bertle, Turmeric, 5-1 Sweet N Yventy, 8-1 Joe Bumpas, Highland Park, 10-1 Circuit Ring, 12-1 Caspan Getse, 14-1 Formation, 16-1 others. 1985: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1 (3) 111112 TAMELESS TRIES & (C.BF.F.)(Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 9-7.
2 (1) 413 CHRISTIAN LAD 12 (BF.F.) (R Robinson (Wigan)) J Berry 9-4.
3 (4) 1 HALF A TICK 15 (F) (C Wates) P Cole 9-4.
4 (2) 0 CHRISTIAN THE REF 27 (S Frankfulm) J Cotripals 6-11.
ESETTRIC: 11-10 Timpines Tents, 6-4 Helf A Tick, 7-2 Christian Lad, 20-1 Chin The Ref.

3.25 PEN HILL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,490: 1m 4f 40yd) (10 runners)

(6) 95-939 BOLD STREET BLUES 2 (D.BF.F.S) (P Savin C Tintin 8-10 .....

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(9) 0 DANCERS WAGER 16 (J. Smith) J Eustace 6-4.
(5) 08-62 LIGHTHING THUNDER 19 (V) (W. Said) D Moriey 8-4.
(6) 080-634 LUCK C' THE RISH 13 (Miss N Jasper) N Thither 8-2.
(3) 09-6344 PHILIPPA'S HERR 13 (Anglo International Bloodstock Pic) R S
(2) 000- HILLIPPA'S HERR 13 (Anglo International Bloodstock Pic) R S
(4) 000- TEMPESTOSA 204 (Hambiston Lodge Lix) W Peerze 7-10.

3.55 GUS CARTER HANDICAP (£2,469: 5f) (11 runners)

(i) 3809-39 MALVOYA & (F) (him P Badgar) J Specing 5-5-12.

8 (5) 90-000 KALI KOPELLA S (V,O,F) (M Smith) J Payma 4-6-7.

9 (7) 90-000 MA SCHYTZLA S (D,O) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowing 4-8-3.

11 (10) 50-000 LADY'S MANTLE 3 (D,F,S) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman

4.55 MUKER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,423: 7f) (9 runners)

5.25 WENSLEY HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m 5f 180yd) (13 runners)

10 (10) 00005-4 WINDWARD ARROM 29 (Mrs A Drury) 17 Topiny 4-7-10.
11 (5) 135-000 WHITE JASMIN 9 (F) (S Brown) C Thomas 4-7-10.
12 (4) 0,0000 CAMPO 39 (Mee A Campion) D Chapman 5-7-7
13 (12) 40,0000 QUALITAIR DUTCHESR 5 (5) (F Bottomley) J Bottom

dicep: Qualitair Duchess 7-4.

TRAINERS

25 WENSLEY HANDICAP (22,5) (4: 1fff 5f 160/pt) (15 fullists)
1 (13) 13423-6 TURBIERIC 29 (CDJF,G,S) (6/5 D Moriny) D Moriny 7-10-0...
2 (5) 120-005 CASPIAN GATES 16 (F) (B Fulton) A Lan 6-8-2...
3 (6) 90-4233 SWEET N° TWENTY 13 (F) (Miss L Hobbs) R Whitaker 4-8-2...
4 (11) 305-406 CRCUIT RNG 6 (V) (Laherne Lig) P Calver 4-8-0...
5 (2) 3530-00 FORMATION 13 (CDJF) (N° Heaton) E Whymae 4-8-10...
5 (8) 32-2164 JDE BURIPAS 33J (CDJF) (N° Spinit) T Barron 4-8-8...
7 (1) 605-606 NGCHLAND PARK 13 (CJF) (R° Cragga) F Weisson 4-8-8...
8 (7) 62216-3 CHANTRY BARTIE 12 (F) (Airs J Scott) C Thomton 4-7-13...
9 (3) 900- OLD MOTHER GOOSE 194 (A Lavell) N Bycroll 4-7-12....
10 (10) 60025-4 WINSWARD ARRON 28 (Airs A Dury) D Tophy 4-7-10....

4.25 GRINTON STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,684: 6f) (4 runners)



# Razeen's timely triumph adds to Derby confusion

By JACK WATERMAN Elmaamul, ridden by Willie

nothing, and Elmaamul had to be snatched up by Carson as he

ting a good response from Razeen and, taking it up inside the last two furlongs, went on to beat Elmannul who came again

Bookmakers quoted him be-

Hern a fourth success in the

needed the race. Everything has been a bit rushed and he's blown

hard. They went no pace. I would have loved to have won

but I still think he is a good horse and I am still in there

another Henry Cecil candidate owned by Lord Howard de Walden, is very doubtful for

another of Lord Howard de Walden's horses. Sardegna, who

ran in the Musidora Stakes at York last week, has sore shins

and will not run in the Oaks for which she was joint third favourite. She now goes straight to Royal Ascot for the Ribblesdale Stakes.

Of the other runners, Shavian,

Cauthen, meanwhile, was get-

made his effort.

FURTHER seismic tremors shook the already uneasy Derby betting market at Goodwood Carson, made the early running but it was not a fast gallop. Three furiones out, Shavian briefly took it up with Razeen going well. Digression then came under strong pressure from Pat Eddery but found yesterday when the ante-post favourite, Digression, finished

The colt was promptly removed from the ante-post lists by leading bookmakers and then restored at 5-1 with a run by William Hill and at 14-1 with Corals and 16-1 with Ladbrokes when Guy Harwood announced that he was "still in there fighting." Razeen, the four-length win-ner from Elmaamul, was inthe closing stages.

Undoubtedly, as confirmed later by his trainer Dick Hern, he would have been closer but

stalled as the new favourite at 3-1 by Victor Chandler, joint favourite at 4-1 with Rock Hopper by William Hill. Corals, meanwhile, made Rock Hopper the new favourite at 3-1 with Razeen 7-2, while least im-pressed were Ladbrokes, going 4-1 favourite Rock Hopper and

Derby trials followed the bewildering pattern of all the previous 1990 preliminaries and previous 1990 prenminaries and the Derby, with exactly a fort-night to go, looks one of the most open for years. Razeen, one of Sheikh Mohammed's 21 Derby enuries, won convincingly enough but the time of 2min 9.88sec for the

1% miles was a slow one and his trainer, Henry Cecil, commenting on the fact that Razeen is a late foal, and has yet to attain his actual third birthday in June, said: "I would be more confident if the Derby were a month later, but I don't suppose they'll oblige me in that." Steve Cauthen, meanwhile, said of this brother to Warrshan,

who won the Predominate last year: "To me it was a good performance; he strode out nicely." And Sheik Mohammed's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, commented: "It's always difficult when a horse hasn't run at two and we wanted to see if he was a Derby horse."

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K Derley

Pat Eddery completed a dou-ble and reached his half-century of winners for the season when winning the Festival Stakes on Relief Pitcher for the Peter Walwyn stable, having earlier

Linamix heads for Epsom FRANCOIS Boutin's Linamix, the French 2,000 Guineas win-ner, was yesterday confirmed as a definite runner for the Derby after an impressive early-morn-

ing workout with five stable companions over 11 furlongs at Chantilly racecourse (Our French Racing Correspondent Funambule and the year-older Philippi in the group three Prix

The colt will be ridden by Gerald Mosse and although

Chichester Festival Theatre Stakes on Ron Smyth's sca-soned campaigner Silver Owl. Relief Pitcher went ahead

three from home in the Festival Stakes and was kept going well to withstand a determined challenge from Observation Post, driven along by Willie Carson.

These two had the finish between them, but Cacoethes, the
top weight and favourite, disappointed. In an afternoon that
had promised so much for Guy

Harmond be could only finish Harwood, he could only finish fourth after having every chance in the straight. In the first leg of his double, Eddery was happy to wait on Silver Owl who was also favourite, as the top weight Carmanole made the early running but after Vintage had showed briefly with a furiong to so the champion jockey shook Silver Owl up and went away for

Of Digression, who in the parade ring beforehand had looked not quite wound up for a comfortable victory. Jack Berry, the Cockerbam trainer, sent out an impressive Maiden Stakes when Distinctly North made all the running to give his owner, Robert Sangster, an exhibitating 54th birthday

Berry himself, wearing his customary lucky red shirt and lying second in numerical terms behind Henry Cecil in the trainers' table, was full of enthu-siasm. It is the first winner he has trained for Sangster, al-though he has had several of his horses - and as a jockey rode winners for him in the Isle of

He regards Distinctly North as the best of his 70-string of two-year-olds and the intention is to run the colt at Royal Ascot, probably in the Norfolk Stakes

• There are 30 acceptors left in the Derby on June 6. They are: the Derby on June 6. They are: Aromete, Baligh, Bastille Day, Blus Stag, Bookcase, Deleneive Play, Olgression, Doveste, Duke Of Paducah, Ermasmul, Irish Alagre, Karheel, Karinga Bay, Linamet, Missionary Ridge, Mr Brooks, Multidoarm, Quest For Ferna, Razzen, Rejonso, Piver God, Rock Hopper, Sanglemore, Sassid, Shawlen, Shout And Sing, Soper Mind. Spanish Empire, Treble Eight, Zoman, Mext acceptence — 5 day declaration.

Linamix has never rated beyound a mile, Boutin said he is confident he will stay the 12 furlongs at Epsom.

Grandon's Rock City

The Jockey Club has agreed to release almost £8,000 in prizemoney to Stephen Roots, the owner of Letsbeonestaboutit. © Richard Hannon's Rock City
(Brice Raymond), fourth in the
2,000 Guineas, faces the French
2,000 Guineas third,
zen since traces of camphor were found in a drugs test on the

#### Results from yesterday's two meetings

### Goodwood

Cobag good to firm.

2.0 (5f) 1, DiSTINCTLY NORTH (J. Carroll, 5-2 (1-fav); 2, Recton North (W. Carson, 7-2); 3, Line Engaged (S. Cauthen, 5-2 (1-fav), 1.50 RAN; 4 Carrins (Kd (4th), 12 Heard A Whisper (6th), 33 Microsette (6th), 50 Rosudgeon, 7 ran, NF. Absolutely Right, 61, 254, th hd, nk, 10. J. Berry at Cookerham, Tota: 2.90; £1.40, 22.70, DF: £4.60, CSP: £10.83, Time: 59.41asc.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, SiLVER OWIL (Pat Eddery, 5-4 tery; 2, Gulf Patece (J Roid, 8-1); 3, Vintage (W Carson, 100-30), ALSO RAN: 8 Carmagnole (Sth), 10 Justaglow (8th), 11 Maid of Essex (4th), 6 rar. 1%1, 3, 8, nix, 1%1. R Smyth at Epsorn. Tota: 52.00; 21.30, 63.70. DF: 28.70. CSF: £10.54. Time: 2min 35.01sec. 3.0 (81) 1, MAC'S MEP (A Munro, 4-9 fev;

S. II (61) 1, MALC 5 Mark (A NEUTR), 4-9 TOY, Private Hendicapper's top rating) 2, Les Austrasux Neusges (Pat Etidory, 9-9; 3, Kirniempir (L. Neutron, 20-1). ALSO RAN-66 Golden General (4:n), 4 mm. 8, 81, 4, W O'Gorman at Neumrentat. Toes: 21,40, DF: 21,20. CSF: £1.66. Teng: 1mm 18,00sec. \$1.50. CSF: \$1.00. Leng: IMBI 183/SSC.
\$.35 (Im 2) 1, RAZEEN (S Cauthen, 7-2): 2, Simmanual (W Carson, 8-1): 3, Sima Anr Key (J Williams, 16-1), 4.150 RAN: 2 fav Digression (Sth), 4 Shevian (4th), 8 Regimental Arms (Sth), 8 ran. 48, 12, nk, nk, nk, nk Cocil at Newmarkst, Tote: 23.80, \$1.70, \$2.30. Dr: \$10.00, CSF: \$20.37. Time: 2min (0.88sc. After a stewards' krouny, result should

trequiry, result shoot
4,10 (1m) 1, MILLFIELDS LADY (S
Whitworth, 12-1): 2, Phil-Bhaice (R Hills,
100-30 fav); 3, Beau Ross (S Dawsson, 121), ALSO RANK 7-2 Woodside Hearth (8th),
9-2 Military Shot, 13-2 Regal Thatch, 7
Revoke (Sin), 8 Sauggele (4th), 25 Brown
Carpat. 9 ran. 14, 154, nk, 2, nk, R
Sampson at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 24,60;
24,50, E1,30, E4,10, DE: 554,70, CSF:
249,98, Tricast: \$457,19, Time; 1min
40,78esc.

5.10 (80) 1. BELFORT RULER (W Nevmes, 9-2); 2. Elepte (Pat Eddery, 5-4 lary; Chilledy (W Carson, 3-1), ALSO RAM: 9-2 Caymen Brac (4th), 25 Gently Gently (8th), 40 Victoria Princess (5th), 6 ran, NFL Paulliess Speach, at http.//d. 4, hd. B Gukby at Begshot, Tota: 25.90; 22.20, 21.70. DF, 25.50, CSP; £10.18, Time: 1min 12.16 sec.

Hereford

2.25 (2m 3f) 1, ULTRA VIOLET (M Perrett, 1-3 fav); 2, Cougar (P Bernard, 7-1); 3, Bon Zamen (S Davies, 33-1). ALSO FAM: 8 Martborough Lady (4m), 9 Cogurate (ref), 50 District Nurse (pu), 5 ran. Sh hd, 8, St. M Pipe at Wellingson. Tota: 21.30; 21.20, 22.40, DF: 22.10, CSF: 23.47.

2.55 (2m 3\* ch) 1, DOCKLANDS EX-PRESS (A Yory, 13-5); 2, Shazing Walker (C Grent, 11-10 fev); 3, Wildwood Moke (P Barrierd, 150-1). ALSO PAN: 3 Blue Rainbow (ur). 4 ran. NR: Fountain Valley. 15, Junt. K Balley at Upper Lambourn, Totas: 22.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.74. 3.25 (3m 1 India) 1, TOWNEYS DREAM (A Mainofand, 15-8); 2. Menjandor (D Callagher, 5-1); 3, Kinga Ranti (C Grant, 5-6 fav), ALSO RAN: 16 Etitee-Ess (pu), 20 Little London (5m), 33 Parmer's Gold (4m), 9 ran. NR: Boscaan Cheltain, 3, 3, 20, 8, 5 Christian at Severn Stoke, Town: 22-50; pp. 50, 92-40, DE: 11, 50, CSE, CSE 60.

E1.50, £2.40. DF: £11.50. CSF: £15.09. 3.55 (3m 11 ch) 1. Oit WHY (Nr J Greenal, 4-6 tav); 2, Walk in Rhystam (Mr G Hasmar, 6-1); 3. Raheen Ne Mors (Mr P Hosgood, 9-1). ALSO Flank 9-2 Vincal (ur), 16 Frozen Asset (4th), 50 Tudor Fun (ur), Cettic Princess (ur). 7 ran. 8, dist, 25l. W A Stephenson at Bishop, Auddend. Tolec

4.25 (2m hdsn) 1, MILITARY BALLITE (S. Woods, 9-1); 2, Seider Brave (20-1); ALBO RAN: 4-9 fav Fishermen's Croft (f), 8 Landing Hand (4th), 16 Sukey Tawdhy (5th), 25 Prix Du Nord (6th), 7 ran. NE Batted Ruler. 20, W. 134. 134, sh hd. R. Brotherton at Evesham. Tota: 211.40; 23.70, 21.10. DF: £15.30. CSF: £52.00. Bought in 5,200gns.

4.55 (3m 1f ch) 1, BALLICHS (Gary Lyons, 6-4 fav); 2, Qasilantaro (f, Hervey, 16-1); 3, Riversot (A Larrach, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Misser Buther (4th), 6 Besconside (pu), 11 Mr Facin (pu), 6 fan. 234, 5, 4, 8. Presce at Tefford. Tota: 52.50; £2.30, 53.70. DF: £27.90. CSF: £19.66.

Placepot: £130.40.

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1989: MINSTREL QUEST 8-11 W	R Swinburn (11-4 lav) P Weleyn 10 ran					
FORM FOCUS ANNA KARIETTA good early speed before weekening 21 cut when a well beaten 12th of 16 to Model Village on Newmarket (7t, good to firm). Should improve for that experience.  DREAMWHILE, from isst year's successful stable, leggt on well towards finish when a nect 2nd to Nexusiat at Folkestone (5t, good to firm). BABE OF						
HOROR, cost \$225,00 as a yearling and is a half- stater to several winners in North America, down the field behind Pressure at Newbury (71, good).	I amount townson faith					
2.40 KINCSEM HANDICAP (£3,980: 2m 50 991 (4) 2130-51 HORTHARTS 14 (\$1,0,0,0,0,0)	Mari Mari Action Borning and Act					
202 (13) 21/0551- SANTELLA BORKES 23J (B,G,S 203 (S) 50220/2 SPANISH SERVANT 24J (D PRE 204 (10) 313529- RAAHIN 140J (F,S) (H Frout) R / 205 (14) 15/0629 ALL IS REVEALED 15 (V,C,D,F, 206 (11) 523132 SAXON COURT 12 (B,F) (J SIMI) 207 (14) 525134 SAXON COURT 12 (B,F) (J SIMI) 208 (S) 18614- ANDROBOTE 7 (C,G) (Albury Re 209 (G) 4111/ TERMINON 23J (D,F,S) (R Down 210 (G) 5010-34 PLAUSIBLE 9 (F,S) (Indoorn Bio, 211 (G) 4/236-00 GENUNIC GIFT 18 (J Bridger) J (J 212 (12) 56644-3 THE REPROSERATOR 34 (S MO)	() () Talency G Harwood 5-9-10					
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FORM FOCUS MORTHANTS is a task the best and shoped as if this trip may suit when a task thishing 3%) Sh to Futher Fight at Cheeter (im 4f 65%), good, SANTELLA BUBICES, IR from harding, rounded off last term with a 4f delet of Free Skip at Figora (2m 25, good).  MANESH SERVANT can well when a next, 2md so Flushto on Doncaeter (im 6f 127%), firm) reappearence and was the from disprised when a close with to instant. Then over hurdles at Ayr (2m, sort). Should give a good account.  BANON GOURT in good heart this term and turned in	another good effort when a 14 2nd to Tallegin at Beth (2m 11 27)rd, firm, AMDROBOTE feed inpossible tesk when a 30% (6th to Erzastree on York (1m 6, good); earlier best Noblo Savage 25% here (2m 31, good); familier/OH, fit from hurdling, having first culting on level since completing a treble with a 14 delet of Eurocon & Beverley (2m, good to soft). PLANESKE 31 -4th to Rustino-at-Nethophatm (2m; good to acro.) PRANCE SOBUR 61 2nd to easy scorer Calicon on Newbury (2m, good) reappearance with THE REFREIGHTOR (2ib better off) 14 back in 3rd and ALL 65 REVEALED a well betten 8th. Belection: SPANISH SERVANT					
3.10 SHERATON PARK TOWER LUPE ST £18,275: 1m 2f) (8 runners)	AKES (Listed race: 3-Y-C:					
201   202   2112- MOON CACTUS 258 (C.F) (Shelich Mohammed) H Cecil 9-3   S Cantifus © 98   202   (5)   9-01 BLACK FIGHTER 17 (F) (Equris Rustol) M Mouburak 8-11   R Cochrane   79   203   (5)   9132- FRONT LINE ROMANCE 250 (F) (J Sung) M Jervis 8-11   W Carses   22   204 (7)   1280-6 FULANYRAH 15 (F) (A Foustok) F Bous 8-11   L Deliter   30   30   31   32   32   32   33   34   34   35   35   35   35   35						
FORM FOCUS BLOCK CACTUS had been on 254 beet in 3rd when caught close home and beaten a head by Silk Stippers in a Group II event at Ascot (Tim, good to firm); earlier legic on well to ben't Arpter 1% in a Group II rese here (77, good) with MATIVE GUILLE (3th better off) 31 back in 3rd. MATIVE GUILLE (3th better off) 31 back in 3rd. MATIVE GUILLE (3th better off) 31 back in 3rd. MACK FRONTER aboved much improved form to best Plaything by a comfortable 31 at Kempton (Im., Brook, Time Robinstee (Expt on well towards the finish when a %1 2nd to Endess Joy in a Group	Elevent at Leoperstown (1m, good). GAME PLAN turned in a pleasing effort when a 31 3rd to Ephermeral on Sandown (fin 2f, firm).  MELEN'S GUEST weakened in the straight when a 141 5th to Pharism at Chester (1m 37 7bd, good) with PSLANYRAM 31 back in 8th; earlier better effort over this trip when a 23th 2nd to useful Sanglemore at Nottinghem (1m 27, Inviter NOTABAD 1 141 3rd to Pressure on Newbury (7f, good); earlier last on strongly to best Oriental Mystique at Ascot (1m, good to firm). Can improve further over this trip.  Selection: MOON CACTUS					
PATHERICK BRIDGE						
Selec	tions					
By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent					
2.25 Sir Tasker. 2.55 Cool Enough. 3.25 Deficit. 3.55 Crakafu. 4.25 Half A Tick.	2.25 Sir Tasker. 2.55 Vickenda. 3.25 Lightning Thunder. 3.55 Kali Kopella. 4.25 Timeless Times.					

Michael Seely's selection: 4.55 Gypsy River.

22 ALLIMSOP'S MATE 6 (W Spink) T Sarron 9-0 G Duffield 9-98

00005 CAPTAIN KAGAR 24 (M Griffiths) R Stubbs 9-0 Microle Howards (7)

480 JUST JOHN 13 (A Wuj B McMelhon 9-0 S Perika S SAR TASKER 16 (W Joyce) A Balley 9-0 W Remindown 98

4 TWI LIGHT FIESTA 29 (P Savill) Mrs J Rameden 9-0 K Darley 81

4 STAR CONNECTION 39 (8F) (A Bridgwood) J Berry 8-9 D Nicholis SWEETINGS PEARL 15 (8F) (Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easierby 8-9 M Brick 9-8

03 SWEETINGS PEARL 15 (8F) (Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easierby 8-8-87

8 SWEETINGS PEARL 15 (8F) (Westings (City) Ltd) M H Easierby 8-9 M Birck 9-87

10 Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easierby 8-8-10 M Birck 9-87

10 Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easierby 8-8-10 M Birck 9-8-10 M B

Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best

2.25 EBF STAPLETON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: \$2,358: 5f) (7 runners)

2.55 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (\$2,805: 7f) (20 runners)

ISETTING: 9-4 Star Connection, 7-2 Allineon's Mete, Sir Tesker, 4-1 Twilight Flests, 10-1 Sw. Pearl, 14-1 Just John, 33-1 Captain Kager.

1989: TAMARA'S TWINKLE 8-9 J Carroll (2-1) J Berry 5 rate

2.55 WTN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (\$2,805: 7f) (20 runners)

1 (16) 925401- BOLD HABET 148 (DLF) (JBS Mailing Services Lick) W Pearce 5-10-0. R Leppin (5)

2 (7) 9-31234 COCL ENOUGH 28 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-8 ... MA Gline (5)

3 (17) 99-3140 HENRY WIL. 18 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-8 ... A Marcer 4 (5) 99-40 Mrs MAFUAT 14 (V,D,G,S) (C Younger) Mrs P Barber 8-9 ... A Shoults (6) 94-40-95 PRICALA 34 (F) (D Incise) D Incise 4-9 1... Ulm Taking (7) 42240- PRICATE AM 218 (J Calvert) G Moore 4-9 1... Dean McCoven (8) 122 000-040 SILLY'S BROTHER 23 (G Allson) N Bycroft 4-9 0... A Culture (9) 400-040 SILLY'S BROTHER 23 (G Allson) N Bycroft 4-9 0... D Michothe (9) 400-040 SILLY'S BROTHER 23 (G Allson) N Bycroft 4-9 0... N Birch (1) 353000 HES DEVILLY'S BRIBGE 14 (F,G) (D Feadorer) N Bycroft 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 HES DEVILLY'S BRIBGE 14 (F,G) (D Feadorer) N Bycroft 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BRIBGE 14 (F,G) (D Feadorer) N Bycroft 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 353000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Payme 6-9 11... M Birch (1) 35000 SILLY'S BROTHER 203 (M Domesy J ) Paym

Long handicap: Kathteen 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2, Cool Brough, 5-1 Spittin Mick, 6-1 Bold Habit, Supreme Court, 7-1 Vickende, Henry Will,
BETTING: 7-2, Cool Brough, 5-1 Spittin Mick, 6-1 Bold Habit, Supreme Court, 7-1 Vickende, Henry Will,
Lady Minstrel, 10-1 Nativat, The Devil's Music, Skiptem Wood, 14-1 Predictable, Filicate, Finistrates 15-1
Lady Minstrel, 10-1 Nativat, The Devil's Music, Skiptem Wood, 14-1 Predictable, Filicate, Finistrates 15-1

1988: COOL ENOUGH 8-8-12 M Hills (5-1) Mrs J Ramadan 20 ran

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: SIS meeting

Synchronized gym: anything Jackson can do, his tiny papil can do just as well

# Jackson longs for his school. place in front of the queue

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE first time Colin Jackson tried hurdling, it went brilliantly, so brilliantly that he jumped the school queue to demonstrate a second time to his class how it should be done. "I was 12 and the teacher sent me out because he said I should have gone to the back." Jackson said. As the world rankings show, he still cares little for

The best high hurdlers on the circuit would be a Club 30 travel group but for the impatient young Welshman. They are all bunched around their thirtieth birthday except Jackson, who is 23, and only just. He stood in line for a while - third in the world championship, second in the Olym-pics, second in the World Cup - but he longs for his schoolboy place again, right at the front of the queue.

This could be the year Roger Kingdom has to move aside. He is the Olympic champion, World Cup winner, world No. 1 and world record holder; but Jackson was never far behind last year and his winter training promises to bring him out stronger. Does that mean quicker?
"No, we cannot assume that," Malcolm Arnold, his coach, said. "But it is an excellent sign."

In January, Jackson confirmed his place as world No. 2 with a European record 13.08sec to win the Commonwealth Games. "Before Auckland my squat was 200 kilos, which was not a squat as we squat now," Jackson says. "My squat now is 230, a proper squat,

too, nice and deep. My clean has gone up from 125 to 130, my bench press from 100 to 115. My snatch has gone up from 65 to 80." His confidence has gone up, too.

"He believes now he can put away any hurdler in the world," Arnold said. "His best race this year, we did not think was terribly good. The first part was quite weak - he skied the first hurdle. As far as his training is concerned, I will confirm what he has said. His strength levels have improved quite considerably since Auckland. What we have got to do now is translate that into performance."

Greg Fosier, aged 31, Renaldo Nehemiah, 31, and Tonie Campbell, 30 next month, three luminaries of the hurdles, were third, fourth and fifth in the 1989 rankings. Only Kingdom, aged 27, is ahead; catching him is important, but Jackson has a greater ambition this summer. "The most important thing is to be European

#### AAA cash in

THE Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) has struck one of the most lucrative sponsorship deals in the history of the sport with a four-year agreement worth £2.9 million

Panasonic, the electronics manufacturers, will now promote the flagship event of the domestic calthe AAA/WAAA championships, to be held at Birmingham in August

The championships are traditionally the British trials for international events, and the selection of the team

year was Tony Jarrett, 0.20sec behind Jackson, a sound beating. Among the exceptional performances by British athletes indoors this winter was the improvement of Jarrett from 7.89sec to 7.50sec. So should it not be closer outdoors this year?

No, not really," Jackson said. "I did one indoor compension, ran the fastest time in the world and went home to train." By which he was inferring that his own indoor time, a European record 7.41sec, would probably have been revised, too, had he

run the full indoor season with Jarrett. Instead, he chose to work for outdoor gain. The Canadian Olympic finalist, Mark McKoy, has been with him in Cardiff since the beginning of March, to their mutual benefit. "His

#### on a new deal

for the European championships in Split will be based on them this year. Panasonic, which succeeds Kodak as sponsors of Britain's most famous and oldest meeting, will also be backing the men's area leagues.

Bill Evans, the chairman of the AAA, said yesterday: "This is the largest package we have ever negotiated with a new sponsor to the sport. "It is important for us that they are a recognized and internationally respecied company which has shown a

long-term commitment to the sport."

kind of leg speed I'm looking to having and working out with him on the speedwork is great." Jackson says. The more I practise, the luckier I

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get," Gary Player used to say. Now that Jackson has been practising hard. it could be time for him to get lucky with the world record. Kingdom improved it to 12.92sec last year. "If his 12.87sec (wind-assisted) in the World Cup had counted, it would have been difficult, but 12.92 is within my grasp." Jackson said. He ran 12.95 see that day. "I do think the record will go this year," Jackson

Arnold discourages talk of world-record attempts. "You cannot do it," he said. "What happens if you set up a world-record attempt and the wind is three metres per second against you? Championships are more important because you have got to produce on a particular day. Records can come at any time when you fit all the right circumstances together."

Jackson has not always been a hurdler. He was a javelin thrower when Arnold was first drawn to him. "His reputation as a youngster was as a good all-round athlete," Arnold said. It was against the advice of his coach and parents that Jackson went full-time five years ago. "Colin plays for a living." his mum would say. And the teacher who sent him out of the class has never been allowed to forget, "He lives about four doors away from me," Jackson said. Only now he would love to see him at the head of

# elation to despair

BY JACK BALLEY

CHESTERFIELD (first day of three): Yorkshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 274 runsbehind Derbyshire

IT WAS cut-and-thrust all the way. First Derbyshire in the ascendant, then Yorkshire. Finally, with Miller and Base putting on 107 runs for the last wicket, it became Derbyshire's day. But not before a confident start had turned to ashes.

201 for three, were sent plunging to 210 for nine before Base joined Miller in a stand which ested for 21/2 hours and changed Yorkshire elation to despair.

This was only the second ship made for Derbyshire. The first was also against Yorkshire 132 at Abbeydale by Hill and Jean-Jacques in 1986 — and all the sweeter for that. But it can have been no more welcome on that occasion than Base's 58 and Miller's undefeated 47 were

The Derbyshire mood at lunch was forgivably gung-ho. That famous victory at Taunton on Tuesday had left them riding high. Now Barnett had won the toss, the Yorkshire bowling had strayed in length and line and they had 160 on the board from 35 overs for the loss of Barnett

and Roberts.
The pitch was bare and there was talk of it taking spin before long. What was more. Morris had been at pains to set out his stall with care, and he was still there. He had opened with Barnett, watching and waiting, as first the Derbyshire captain andthen Roberts piled into the Yorkshire attack. Barnett made 38 out of 44 before Fletcher, in his second ball, moved one four well-taken slip catches.

He had also survived a straightforward chance to Fletcher at long leg and Fletcher was especially pleased to see

The entry of Roberts gave Yorkshire no relief. His 49 came from just 61 balls. He pierced the field nine times for boundaries and only disdain cause him to attempt the backfoot drive which gave Byas his second catch at second slip.
Meanwhile, Morris had

opened up and was looking in fine fettle. It was when he became Byas's third victim this time to a most brilliant catch from a hard slash - and then Adams was run out that the

rampant. The next eight overs saw the Midland tail melt to the extent that five wickets disappeared for six runs in the face of good, but not devastating, bowling by Hartley, Jarvis and

But Derbyshire were not done yet.Of their last-wicket pair, Miller, as is his wont, displayed sound defensive qualities and was solid as a rock from first to frantic moment, not least when Hartley claimed a caught-and-bowled, but long before the end he was playing as if batting at No. 11 was well below his

To DERESYSHERE

TK J Barnett c Byas b Jervis

J E Morris c Byas b Jervis

B Roberts c Byas b Jervis

P D Bowler tipe Fletcher

C J Adams run out

S C Goldsmith c Byas b Heritey

Ht M Kritiden c Beinstow b Heritey

Miller not out

I R Bishop c Berry b Fletcher

A E Warner c Mozon b Jervis

S J Base c Heritey b Berry

Extras (to 16, w 1, nb 6)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-119, 3-180, 4-201, 5-201, 6-201, 7-207, 8-207, 9-210.

M D Moston not out .... A A Metcalfe not out .......... Extras (w 1, nb 4) Total (no witt) 33
R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, 10
L Bairstow, D Byas, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis, P J Berry and S O Retcher to bat.
Bionus polista: Derbystire 4, Yorkshire 4.

# collect centuries as Essex set pace

three) (Essex won toss): Hampshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 295 runs behind Essex

ONCE they had got through the first hour for the loss of only Stephenson, there was scarcely the slightest doubt that Essex, even without Gooch, would be past 300 by 5.30, or soon after, at Southampton yesterday and

In the event they closed just before six o'clock, at 315 for ing both made hundreds, and

Marshall in a very good first spell, bowled to a full length, it just might have been another story. He passed the bat any came of it Hampshire must have known what was in store. Shine, strong and quite

brisk, took a couple of wickets, Stephenson caught behind and Prichard at first slip. But Hardie and Waugh had made 203 together before Hampshire had their next success. Hardie could have had the

surprise of his life yesterday hundred, a glance off Turner morning, according to which that may just have been newspaper be takes. Although, catchable at backward short newspaper he takes. Although. until now, his top score of the

By JOHN WOODCOCK SOUTHAMPTON (first day of difficult to dislodge. The way he manages it is with ailments. By the close practical rather than pretty, Christopher Smith, too, was

consisting of thrusting the under treatment for a knock front leg firmly forward, suffered when going for a thick watching the ball closely, edge at slip off Marshall.

Turner was on soon after ways on the lookout for midday, and bowling de-anything short enough to hit cently. But it is a very good through the off side off the back foot, usually square of the wicket.

Nothing became him more wondering whether to declare. yesterday than the way, when he reached his 26th first-class hundred, he refrained from four, Hardie and Waugh hav- pumping the air and waving ostentatiously to the players' gave themselves seven overs balcony, as is the modern way, Had the luck been with crowd. By the time he reached on-driving, and there was one

with much style. number of times, Hardie's received before tea Waugh included; but when so little scored 49 to Hardie's 7. Their methods are as starkly different as the places where they were born - Waugh in Sydney and Hardie in Stenhousemuir. Having had a breather, Hardie had begun to throw the bat when he played on to Connor. The nearest he had come to giving a chance was the stroke that took him to his

leg. Turner, like Maru, bowls season had been 74, his average was 116, and there he slow orthodox left arm, there was at the head of some of the being a place for both in the lists. He is an ingenious fellow, side because Hampshire are having worked out over his 40 missing not only Robin Smith

also Bakker, James and Ayling

wicket, and against Waugh, the slightest over-pitching was punished. In fine form for New South Wales in last winter's Sheffield Shield - he was Australia's cricketer of the year - Waugh will surely be a thorn in England's side before

Yesterday he put one in often to the exclusion of the mind of Peter May with his it Essex were 188 for two and straight hit off Maru that just Waugh was beginning to play about landed on the deck of Steinlager 2. By the time he From the last 44 balls he was caught at the wicket, chasing Marshall, he had hit 16 fours and that one six, and hatted for 31/2 hours.

hand butsman who has little hope of forcing his way into Laucashire's team with the senior players in such prolific

form, nevertheless seized his first chance of the season by

scoring 138 against the Zimbabwe touring team at Old

on his debut for Leicestershire against Oxford University at the Parks. Oxford, who lost their first three wickets for a single, rallied to 179 after half-centuries from South African Graeme Turner and Mark Crawley.

Gloocestershire's out-of-form batsmen found the Cambridge University bowling more to their liking at Fenner's, four

players scoring half-centuries in a total of 353 for four.

Notts v Northants

David Millns took five for 47

T C Middleton two with 20
Total (no with 20
C L Smith, "M C J Nicholess, M D Mershell, R J Scott, †R J Parics, R J Menu, I J Turner, C A Cormor and K J Shine to but.

# Derbyshire tail turns Hardie and Waugh Roseberry's talents are flowering at long last

failed to clear it.

LORD'S (first day of three) (Middlesex won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 293 runs behind struck successive fours off Murphy, but upon Gray's return at the Nursery End he sliced a drive to second slip.

THAT Michael Roseberry has an ability to bat has never been in doubt, even if he has not had an average to prove it. Now, he is starting to make the scores expected of him. He held the Middlesex innings together yesterday, making not only his first

championship cenury but a career-best score of 122.

No other Middlesex batsman made more than 40, Haynes, Gatting and Ramprakash among them. It is indicative of how fiercely Roseberry concentrated, an aspect of his game which was not always in evi-dence in the past. Although he made a century in the Parks last year, it has taken him five ns to do so in the championship.

There was something in the pitch for Surrey's medium-pacspared for once trouble with in 272 minutes with 15 fours groin strains. To restrict Haynes and a six swung over the short in his current form to 18 runs in square leg boundary off Muran hour and a half is indeed

self at a deepish square leg, splendidly held a firm book. With the exception of Williams, the tail had little idea as Next, Gray accounted for Gatting. There were a few dazzling strokes by Ramprakash, including a four through extra cover off Gray before the strate cover off Gray to how to cope with Mediycott The short Tavern boundary was too alluring. Emburey and Cowans each planted a six there. and each was out trying for

before he reached double fig-ures, but patience is not his strong point. Frustrated by Kendrick's off-side ring, he The reputations of both Ramprakash and the Roseberrys (Andrew, five years youn-ger, has joined Leicestershire) went before them when they were at school. For the last two years, Ramprakash has been the

Scare & 100 overs: 310 tor 9. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-108, 3-165, 4-206, 5-220, 6-241, 7-258, 8-265, 9-275. BOWLING: Gray 22-3-88-2; Sictorel 25-7-72-1; Marphy 22-8-50-2; Gray 1-0-5-0; Medlycott 28.1-6-91-4; Kendrick 4-0-12-1. No one stayed with him for long in the afternoon. Brown Downton went quickly. Roseberry reached his century

R I Albahan not out
P D Alidne not out 

SECOND XI CRICKET

BY SIMON WILDE

TONY Middleton, the Hamp-

#### square leg boundary off Mur-phy, who got him in the end. Greig, having positioned him-Cowdrey's oddity Middleton made brightens dull day to wait

more feted of the two; now, with

Carr in curious semi-retirement.

Roseberry has taken his opport-

drove Medlycott to mid-on

unity to steal a march.

two runs an over and their batting was more tedious than it should have been. Simon Hinks and Neil Taylor made dour centuries as Kent plodded along on a slow pitch, whose behaviour belied its green appearance.

By losing the toss, Butcher condemned Glamorgan to a third consecutive day in the field — interspersed with an

overnight drive from Hove -

chances offered by Hinks, when he was 30, and Taylor at 53.
Richards, at first slip, earlier had put Taylor down when he was 22. Watkin was the bowler, and he was the pick of the Glamorgan attack, finishing with three for 53 from 24 overs. Generally, it was a day when little went right for Glamorgan, something epitomized by a rare incident after tea. As the batsmen ran two, a return from mid-wicket hit Taylor's boot and ricocheted onto the boundary, giving Graham Cowdrey six runs for his stroke.

Cowdrey had been sum-

moned from Canterbury at breakfast time, when his elder trother, Chris Cowdrey, devel-oped an ear infection overnight. Benson was soon out, before Hinks and Taylor added 161 in 68 overs, though memorable strokes were scarce. Hinks had

SWANSEA (first day of three)
(Kent won toss): Kent have
scored 291 for three wickets
against Glamorgan.

FOR long periods yesterday,
Kent averaged little more than

shire batsman, will have to wait until next week for a chance to Ward was held at extra cover from a skimming drive before Cowdrey and Taylor stayed to the end. By then, Taylor had reached his hundred, with 11 fours, after nearly 5½ hours.

It is never a hardship watchextend his phenomenal run of century-making in the Rapid Cricketline second XI championship. Middleton, who has scored hundreds in each of his last five innings, is expected to next bat in the championship ing cricket at the St Helen's against Lancashire at Bourne-

mouth in a match starting on Wednesday ground, however. The only venue on the county circuit celebrates its centenary as a Vednesday.

Despite a maiden first-class

Vent at Cantercounty ground next month, the first Welsh centre to do so. Over Despite a maiden inst-class century against Kent at Canterbury in April, Middleton has been unable to secure a regular first-team place. Middleton was recalled to the first team for yesterday's match with Essex at Southannaton because of the and they did not help them-selves by dropping significant more momentous events in catches. Cowley missed return chances offered by Hinks, when yesterday's match with passes at Southampton because of the absence on international duty of David Gower and Robin Smith, and thus misses the latest round It also used have a more esoteric claim to distinction: the

79 steps the players had to climb from the field to the dressingand thus misses the latest round of second XI matches which room being the most on any cricket ground in the world. This terracing, however, has been relaid. Though the steps began yesterday. Last week, Middleton scored are steeper, there are now only 39 of them. a century in each innings against icestershire at Bournemouth, the second time he has per formed the feat this season. Middlesex, the champions, were beaten in the competition for first time since 1986. They set their opponents, Worcestershire, a target of 384 to win at Uxbridge, but lost by three wickets, principally because of a century by Martin Worter.

RENT: First Innings
P Bunson live b Watten
R Bunson live b Watten
R Taylor not out
R Watter c Carm b Watten
Extract (5 6, 16 7, w 3, nb 1)

Total (3 wids) \_\_\_\_\_\_ ore at 100 overs: 283 for 3. 18 A Marsh, MV Flerring, M A Bathern, C Penn, PS de Villiers and R P Devis to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-194, 3-210. CLAMORGAN: "A R Butcher, H Morrie, M J Carn. I V A Richards, P A Cottey, I Smith, N G Cowley, 1°C P Metson, S J Demais, S L Water, S R Berwick, Borum Pointer Glamorgan 1, Kent 3, Umpires: J H Harris and P B Wight,

Benjamin is facing Oxford Univ v Leics THE PARIES (Endord University won tass:
Inst day of three; Lebestership, with all
first-instings wickets in hand, are 182 runs
behind Oxford University
COPPORD UNIVERSITY: First halings
D A Hagen b Militis 0
T E Montis libe b Ferris 0
D Cartis libe b Nilles 0
G J Turner C Ferris b Willey 51
M A Grandey c Nition b Militis 50
P S Gerrans c Neon b Militis 50
P S Gerrans c Neon b Militis 50
P S Gerrans c Neon b Haline 0
W M van de Marwa Run b Paraons 24
S Chautian c Boon b Paraons 24
S Chautian c Boon b Paraons 4
H R Davies not out 9

† J E McGrady low b Militis 1
Extras (b 6, fb 4, w 5) 15
Total 178 retirement

WINSTON Benjamin, the Leicestershire fast bowler, may be forced to retire because of an injury to his right knee.

Benjamin, aged 25, who was born in Antigua and has played in eight Tests for the West Indies, was yesterday under-going a scan on the knee to determine whether he needs an

century by Martin Weston.
Wasim Akram showed he had
returned to full fitness with
match figures of 10 for 76 for

Lancashire against Derbyshire

Benjamin, who broke down again during last Sunday's Refuge Assurance League match
with Lancashire, said: "If an
operation is needed, my career
could be over. Something has to
he done though." be done though." Apart from batting with a runner, Benjamin took no further part in the championship game at Old Trafford.

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### University finally pull up to second

By a CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY took their time but eventually toppled New College from second place be-hind Oriel in the Oxford Sum-mer Eights which opened

In fourth place and well out of contact with Oriel came Christchurch who showed their eager-ness with a training outing after lunch between papers in the final examinations of President Johnny Searle.

Somerville swiftly deposed Wadham from second position in the women's divisions.

Men FRET DRYSSON: University bpd New College, Pembroke bpd Worcester, Belliol bpd Keetes, Wadhen bpd Hertford, SECOND DRYSSON: Jesus bpd St Catherine's, Wolfson bpd New College II, St Pear's bpd Queen's.

THIRD DRYSSON: Lady Margaret Hall bpd Osler House, Marton bpd Christ Charch II, St Edmand Hall III bpd Worcester II, St St Edmund Hall is bpd Worcester II, St Anne's bpd Oriel III.
FOLETTH DIVISION: Brasenose II bpd St John's II, Lineare bpd Lincoln II, Penbroke II bpd St Catherine's II, Exter II bpd Wadhern II, Osier House II bpd Gusen's II.
FIFTH DIVISION: Wolfson III bpd Worcester III, Balliol III bpd Keble III.
SUKTH DIVISION: St Catherine's III bpd Linvarsity IV, Lady Margaret Hall III overtpd Exeter III, Lincoln III bpd Herdord III, Oriel IV bpd Pembroke IX, Keble IV bpd Oriel V.

III, Oriel IV bpd Permbroke III, Keble IV bpd Oriel V.
SEVENTH DIVISION: St John's III bpd St Anne's II, Queen's III bpd Brateriose III, Worcester IV bpd St Catherine's IV, Megdaten III bpd St Edmurd Hall IV.
EIGHTH DIVISION: St Hugh's bpd Jesus III, Oriel V bpd Alagdalen IV, St Hugh's II bpd Christ Church V, Lincoln IV bpd Magdalen V, Persbroke IV overspd St Poten's III, Nagdalen V sconnriosily bpd St Peter's III, Nagdalen V sconnriosily bpd St Peter's III.

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Balliof IV, New College V bpd St John's W,
Pembroke V bpd Oriel JK.

Women;
FIRST DIVISION: Somerville bpd
Wachem, Brasenose bpd Lady MargaretHell, New College bpd St Hugh's, University bpd Jesus, St Anne's bpd St Hilds is,
SECOND DIVISION: St Anne's bpd St.
Cetherine's, Corpus Christi bpd Lincoln,
Christ Church bpd St Hugh's II, Magdelen
bod Worsester II. Christ Church bod St Hugh's II, Magdelen bod Worcester II.

THRID DIVISIONE Belliol bod St John's, Trimity bod Lady Margaret Hall II, Marton bod St Peter's, Order bod St Hugh's III. Exeter bod New College II. FOUNTH DIVISIONE Exeter bod Mannfeld, St Camberlow's II bod Wadham II, Wolfson II bod University II, Osler House II bod Hertford II, Pembroke II bod Somervite III.

FIFTH DIVISIONE Kable III bod Somervite III.

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Margaret Hall III bod Worcester II.

Magdelen III bod Pembroko III, St Hildrif III bod St John's II.

Today's starting order

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FIRST DIVISION (6.30): Oriel, University, New College, Christ Church, St. Edmand Hall, St. John's, Pembroke, Worcester, Bellot, Keble, Wachsen, Hertford.
SECOND DIVISION (6.30): Brasenoe, Megdalen, Jesus, St. Catherine's, Lincoln, Oriol II, Trinity, Wolfson, New College II, 82 Peter's, Quana's, Il Inivensity II. Oriel II. Trinky, Wolfson, New College II, St.
Peter's, Gusen's, University II.
THRED DIVESION (5.0): Easter, Corpet
Christi, Lady Margaret Hall, Ceter House,
Merton, Christ Church II, Herdon, St.
Edmund Hall II, Worcester II, Ballol II, St.
Anne's, Oriel III.
FOURTH DIVESION (4.0): Mensield,
Brasanges II, St. John's II, Robie II.
Lingore, Lincoln II, Pembroke II, St.
Catherine's II, Eester II, Wadham II, Ceter
House II, Casen's III.
FIFTH DIVESION (3.30): Jesus, Magdaien
II, New College II, Trinky III, University III,
Wolfson II, Worcester III, Ballol III, Keble
III, Christ Church III, St Peter's II, Menie
III. B. STATE CHARGE M., St. Paeer S M., St. St. St. Edmund Hall St. St. St. Edmund Hall St. Laby Margaret Hall II. University Pt. St. Catherine's III. Execter III. Lincoln III. Hertford III. Ordel IV. Permbroke III. Kathe IV. Ordel V. New Colege IV. SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): Corpus Christ III. Christ Church IV. St. John's III. St. Anne's III. Drassnose III. Wachern III. Hertford IV. Templeton. Wardener IV. St. Catherine's IV. Magdalon III.

Worcester IV, St Cetherine's IV, Magdenin III.

EIGHTH DIVISION (12.36): St Edmund Hell IV, St Hught's, Jesus III. Oriel VI, Magdelen IV, St Hught's II. Christ Church IV, Pembroke IV, Lirochi IV, St Peler's II. Magdelen V, Oriel VII. Magdelen V, Oriel VIII. Marth Division I12.01: St Hugh's III. Oriel VIII. Osler House III. Belliol IV, Wollson II. St Antony's, New College V, St John's IV. Christ Church VI, Pembroke V, Oriel IV, Hertford V, Gorpus Christi III.

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Women
FIRST DIVISION (6.0): Oaler House,
Somerville, Wadham, Persprote,
Srasendoe, Lady Margaret Hell, New
College, St Hugh's, Wolfsom, University,
Jesse, St Arne's.
SECOND DIVISION (4.30): St Hide's. St
Catherine's, Corpus Christi, Lincoln, Keble, Cwist Church, St Hugh's II, Somerville II, Heritord, St Edmund Hell,
Magdaten, Worcester.
THIRD DIVISION (2.55): Balliol, St Joint's,
Linacre, Queen's, Trinity, Lady Margaret
Hell II, Srazonose II, Merton, St Pelef's,
Crief, St Hugh's III, Exeter.
POUNTH DIVISION (1.10): New College R,
Mandield, St Hide's II, Scater,
POUNTH DIVISION (1.10): New College R,
Wadham R, Wolfson II, University II, Osler
House II, Heritord II, Oriel H, Pentoroice II,
Somervise III,
FIFTH DIVISION (1.125): Christ Church II,
St Edmund Hell III, Keble II, Bellio III, Lady
Margaret Hell III, Worcester II, Magdatel
II, Pentoroice II, St Anne's II, Lincoln II, St
Hitch's III, St John's II, New College III.

#### years how to make himself and Gower with England but Northants' lesser lights shine

By Geoffrey Wheeler

EVEN without four Test players maiden championship fifty, in Lamb, Larkins, Ambrose and Nick Cook, Northamptonshire succeeded in making life difficult for Northamptonshire, the new championship leaders, on

After the loss of two early wickets to Andy Pick, Northamptonshire were revived by a

bringing the innings to a rapid century in five years with Lan-conclusion were then dashed by the seventh-wicket pair, Pentally in a month with Somerset. the seventh-wicket pair, Pen-berthy and Ripley, who frus-who were 500 for five at the trated them with a stand of 95. Penberthy, who reached a

Camb Univ v Gloucs

FENNET'S (Cloucestershire won toss, first day of three); Cembridge University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 317 runs behind Gloucestershire

Total (4 wids dec) \_\_\_\_

S P James not out \_\_\_\_\_ R Heep c Butcher b Barnes .\_ A J Buzza not out \_\_\_\_\_

N Romaines not out \_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 Extras (b 7, lb 11, w 2, nb 10) \_\_\_\_ 30

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107. 2-107. 3-194.

the first day of the game at Trent of conceding at least 400 runs in the first innings of champ-ionship matches and it was no real surprise that they took another heavy pounding at Taunton. Jimmy Cook's 197, at the rate of a run a ball, was followed by a career-best 170 century partnership between Bailey, the acting captain, and Geoff Cook, only to slip to 178 for six after Bailey had been run out for 65 by a direct hit from Paul Labraco.

Nottinghamshire's hopes of Hayhurst, who made only one

Nick Speak, aged 23, a left-

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS GBADver, "JCM Atkinson, M.L. Lowrey, M. J. Morris, 1J. P. Arscott, D. H. Shuffiebothem, R. A. J. Jenkins and S. W. Johnson to bet. FALL OF WICKET: 1-23

res: DR Shepherd and RC Tolchard. Somerset v Sussex 

A N Hightune C casumpson
b Dodemeide
'C.J Tavene c and b Babington
R.J Harden c and b Pigott
Th D Burne not out
G D Rose not out Rose not out \_\_\_\_\_\_ Extres (b 1, fb 5, w 1, rib 2) ... Total (5 wids) \_\_\_\_\_ core at 100 overa: 453 for 3. R P Lefebyre, I G Swellow, N A Mallender and A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 8-319, 3-364, 4-477, 5-487.

477, 5-937.
SUBSEI: N J Lambern, J W Hall, A P Wells, M P Speight, \*C M Wells, I J Gould, A I C Dodermarde, †P Moores, A C S Pigoti, I D K Salistowy, A M Babington.
Seass points: Somerset 4, Sussex 1.

TRENT BRIDGE (Northersplanshire won toss; first day of three); Northersplanshire have accord \$25 against Notinghemshire R A Featon BW D Pick
RJ Beildy run out \_\_\_
G Cook b Pick
D J Cepel c Rendell b Cooper
A L Proberthy not out
J G Thomas 6 French b Afford \_\_\_
TO Ripley st French b Afford \_\_\_
W W Davis b Cooper
A R Roberts b Afford \_\_\_
J W Govern b Saporby
Extras (b 12, no 10)

107, 5-170, 5-178, 7-273, 8-278, 9-307.
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# Realism replaces a great expectation of success in Italy

By STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPOR reputation was based prin-

deed not, but the evidence has

But for the defiance of

ber, for instance, England

would not even have qualified for the World Cup finals. But

for the interventions of

Walker last week, the Danes

might have established a

three-goal lead before the

The back four, as well as

interval. The apparent sec-

confirming again that they are

vulnerable to a swift counter-

attack, revealed another

potentially perilous flaw. They

conceded free kicks too

readily near the edge of their own area and Perdomo, with

the winner, gave them a

thunderous reminder of how

such errors can be punished.

So did Bobby Robson.

"Free kicks have cost us

dearly and we have to stop

giving them away. We have to

be aware of how dangerous they can be, because they are

going to be crucial during the World Cup." He conceded

that Shilton should not have

"That stunned him, the

been beaten from 35 yards.

team, the crowd and me,

urity has been deceptive.

TEN days ago, England were preparing to set off for Sar-dinia with the same excessive optimism which they carried matches," Bobby Robson matches," Bobby Robson stated. "That's not bad." Ininto the European championship two summers ago. Not any longer. The barrage balnot always been as convincing loon of hope, punctured by the Danes last week, was deflated on Tuesday night by the Shilton in Poland last Octo-

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Uruguayans. Defeat is never welcome, but the breaking of the un-beaten sequence of 17 internationals has at least brought England's expectations down to a more realistic level.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, was not deeply concerned that his side's records were damaged. In the 33 internationals at Wembley since he took over in 1982, they had previously lost only to West Germany, on his own managerial debut at home, Denmark and the Soviet Union, who were the last triumphant visitors, six years

ago.
"It has lifted a burden," he said. "That is how we must look at it. We've got to roll up our sleeves and start all over again." He drew comfort from his opinion that "we played better than we did against Denmark and we were up against a better team".

Yet there were disturbingly loose strands running through the new pattern, particularly in a defence whose sound because I thought at that stage

**Dispute over bonuses** THE Republic of Ireland players' pool committee are in dispute with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) over World Cup bonus payments. The 22-strong squad, CAGLIARI, Sardinia: England's first two World Cup matches, against the Republic of matches, against the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands, are sold out (AFP reports). Only a

who will receive approximately £20,000 each, are demanding £1,000 per player, backdated to NEW YORK: Six American the end of the European championship, but have been told the FAI will not negotiate retro-The players claim that the FAI has netted £2.5 million from the World Cup qualifying matches and friendlies in the same period.

# is paid for Clarke

COLIN Clarke, the Queen's Park Rangers and Northern Ireland forward, will join Portsmouth next week for a club record fee of £450,000. Negotiations were completed yesterday (Dennis Signy writes). Clarke, aged 27, became

Rangers's record signing when Trevor Francis manager, took him from Southampton for £800,000 in March, 1989. Liverpool yesterday added another title to the League championship when they won the Professional Footballers Association's Fair Play Award for the third section. for the third successive season. They recorded only 49 penalty points. Nottingham Forest were runners-up on 53 and Sheffield Wednesday, third with 62.

• MOSCOW (Reuter) - The Soviet Union announced its squad of 22 players yesterday for the World Cup finals in Italy. the World Cup finals in Italy.
Gostaspert: R Dassyev (Seville), V
Chanov (Dynamo Klev), A Userov (Dynamo Klev), A Userov (Dynamo Klev), A Userov (Dynamo Klev), O Roznetsov (Dynamo Klev), V Rats (Dynamo Klev), Serials (CSKA Moscow) Hildfield: I Yer-eschalt (Dynamo Klev), G Librochesto (Dynamo Klev), A Zygasentovich (Dynamo Klev), A Zigasentovich (Dynamo Klev), Saleislico (Librochesto (Dynamo Klev), A Zigasentovich (Dynamo Klev), V Broshie (CSKA Moscow) Ferusardic O Protesov (Dynamo Klev), V Lyuti (Schelles O4), A Borodysk (Schelles O4), A Zigasen (Librochest), I Dolarovelsky (Dynamo Moscow).

few places are left in the 37,500 capacity stadium for the match

world Cup final, the organising committee said yesterday (Reuter reports). FIFA officials will inspect sites at Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, Washington DC, Kansas City and Seattle in the spring of next year.

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# Record fee Luton may end its ban on supporters

BY DENNIS SIGNY

Luton Town in 12 months, said yesterlay that the club was considering the possibility of allowing visiting supporters at Kenilworth Road in the future in a limited way, and in restricted numbers"

Bill Tombins, the chief executive, also referred to "the controlled reintroduction of vis-itors". He said that with the support of the Football Trust, the Football League and the Police, Luton could welcome some away supporters next

Although away supporters have officially been banned since Luton started a membership scheme when David Evans was the chairman, visiting clubs have been allowed complimentary that the starter of the st have been allowed complimen-tary tickets, and Luton members have been allowed to buy up to three guest tickets. At Luton's borne game against Arsenal at the end of the season, visiting supporters seemed to be in the ascendency.

Luton, who have a long-term plan to move to a multi-purpose stadium on the outskirts of the town, are planning to put new scating behind the goal at the Kenilworth Road end, which

uals, such as Barnes, Gas-

PETER Nelkin, the Arsenal season ticket holder and property developer who has taken over as the fourth chairman at latest Town in 12 months said Kohler accoming a

majority shareholding in a £3 million deal, Evans has resigned from the board to concentrate on his duties as a Conservative It is not clear if the Football

Association will pursue a charge against him of bringing the game into disrepute following re-marks he made as a director about Manchester United and Leeds United. • Chris Nicholl has signed a new two-year contract with the division one side. Southamp-ton. The club, which finished

seventh last season, has also rewarded the first team coach, Dennis Rofe, with a similar Nicholl was the bookmakers' pre-season favourite to lose his job, but guided Southampton to their best position since he took over from Lawrie McMenemy

five years ago. The chairman, Guy Askham, said: "I'm very pleased to have reached agreement with Chris. No one could have worked harder for this chib, and I look forward to him improving our position still further and, hope-fully, bringing us a trophy."

met the Scot for the WBC Intenational lightweight title 16 months ago.

After the fiasco in which

Lennox Lewis stopped Dan

Lennox Lewis stopped Dan "The Businessman" Murphy, of Nebraska, in six rounds at Sheffield, he faces another American heavyweight, Lionel Washington, at the Albert Hall. All Washington's defeats have been on knockouts Mike Weaver and Terry Davis disposed of him in one, Oscar Holman in two, Orlin Norris in three, Renaldo Snipes in four, Michael Dokes in eight.

Michael Dokes in eight.
Also on the bill, Mark Reefer

defends his Commonwealth

#### Sad Lyle makes a duck in shoot-out

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SANDY Lyle made a den alizing return to European golf-when he was the first player to be eliminated from the OKI Shoot-Out at Wentworth,

that we were going to win.

Shilton let one go and that should keep him on his toes."

He reaffirmed his trust in the

40-year-old goalkeeper, who may set a new world record of

another cause for concern. Effective against the Danes, he

was ineffective against the

Uruguayans. In the words of Bobby Robson: "He went from A to B minus." Nor did

Waddle offer adequate com-

pensation on the other flank,

and he could be even less

rejoins the party, his mental

and physical energy will have been drained still further. He

is to represent Marseilles in the semi-final, and probably

the final, of the French cup.

He is not expected to be available until after the visit to

ness led indirectly to Uru-

guay's opening goal and a combination of Gascoigne's

imagination, Pearce's un-characteristic subtlety and

Barnes's brilliance produced

an equalizer "manufactured

out of sheer class", according to Bobby Robson. Little else,

particularly in the first half.

could have justified such a

Gascoigne stood out, even

above Bryan Robson, but he

was notable more for his

industry than for his pene-

trative passes. England al-

ready have an abundance of

willing workers and, in the

exhausting and dehydrating

heat of Sardinia, they will not

The nation should not hold

great expectations, unless the naturally-talented individ-

be so valuable an asset.

description.

Waddle's tired wayward-

By the time he belatedly

lively in Sardinia.

Tunisia on June 2.

The consistency of Hodge is

appearances next month.

Lyle made his exit at the first Lyle made his exit at the inst home in spite of an opening drive of 260 yards with a three-wood which was longer than each of his six opponents. Yet eventually he went out at the hole by losing a chip-off.

Lyle, who returned home from the United States 10 days ago after successive rounds of 79, 80 and 79, said: "It's the first time I've had a dock in a shootout. I've played many of them in America and I've won quite a few. It's sad to go out so early. "I was hoping to stay around longer to get some competitive practice. I ve been working hard at Wentworth since I came back and I'll just have to hope that things start to go well for me in the rournament."

Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, who is accound in the Order of Merit, began the shoot-out with a putt of 40 feet for a birdie and he completed victory by edging out Nick Faldo on the last green with a putt of 20 feet for an engle these for an eagle thre

Faldo, who is the favourite for the Volvo PGA Championship morrow, outlasted Ronan Rafferty, Ian Woosnam, José-Maria Olazábal and Mark McNulty to finish runner-up. For Faldo it is the start of an

For Faldo it is the start of an intensive sequence of tournaments. He is seeking to defend the PGA championship, which he has won no fewer than four times, and the Dunhill Masters next week before playing in the Western Open and the US Open in Chicago. He will move on to the Irish Open and the Prench Open. the French Open.

Romero was an eleventh hour replacement for Bernhard Langer, who has withdrawn from the championship because f ill health, and he collected £10,000 for his nominated charity which was The Golf Foundation.

Faldo, who last year donated to charity all his winnings from to charity ail his winnings from the world match-play champ-ionship at Wentworth, carned £5,000 for The Sportsman Aid Society and The Teenage Can-cer Appear. McNuity's £3,000 went to The RAF Benevolent



Elderslie, near Glasgow, goes into the PGA Championships at Wentworth equipped for all the eventualities that may beful a professional

waterproof jacket, trossers and cap, a water-proof hood to protect the clubs, thermal mittens, a large towel, replacement gloves, a selection of golf balls, a Rules of Golf goifer. McAllister, who won his players' card selection of golf balls, a Rules of Golf to qualify for the European Tour in Portugal last Christmas, is aiming for a good enough finish to exempt him from having to qualify for the British Open at St Andrews in July. In badge, an apple and some bananas.

# Macdonald steals Gillies rises to the lead as antidote Prince's Challenge

THE early morning phone call at the clubhouse window, send-from her fiance, saying their flat had been burgled, was not guaranteed to set Fiona Mac-even though they knew from the figs, led to the destruction of Prince's yesterday. Not only venture farther afield and after, had been burgled, was not guaranteed to set Fiona Mac-donald up for a low scoring day in the second round of the English women's amateur championship at Rye yesterday,

Not surprisingly, Macdonald forms of the first discharge for cover, even though they knew from long experience that the glass was tough enough to repel all golf balls.

The Cambridge Blue and President's Putter pioneer - she was the first woman to take was the first woman to take those particular holy orders—an eight-iron to six inches the scorched round in 68, six under chipped dead for another birdie at the 4th and sank a 10-foot at the 4th and sank a 10-foot par, really the only sensible course to take with the fairways suffering from the effects of global warming, and led the qualifiers with a total of 142, ilso six under. Helen Dobson, the defending

champion, more than realized her modest ambition of reaching the matchplay stages, with a 71 for second place on 144. Her ailing elbow clad in a piece of blue wet suit material, Dobson went out in 34, two under par, without a twing and with an without a twinge and with an eagle three at the 4th. The second nine was not pain-free but another eagle three, at the 13th, was an adequate an-aesthetic. Her biggest alarm came at the 18th when Sara Robinson, her playing partner, mis-hit her second shot straight

fretted a little up the first but a cast-iron birdie two at the puttfor birdie at the 5th. At the 7th, she hit her tee shot over the green but chipped close to save par. Macdonald continued to hip well coming home and had three more birdies.

three more birdies.

LEADING CHALFYING SCORES: 142: F Macdonaid (Printon-n-Saul, 74, 68, 144: H Dobson (Beacroth, 73, 71, 148: J Hall (Palcatrue Ferry), 75, 71, 147: S Morgan (Herwall), 74, 73, 148: R Botas (Benu Desert), 77, 71: S Poblason (Herwall), 73, 75, 15: A Johns (Bouton), 73, 76: L Fairclough (Chorley), 73, 78, 1952: L Fairclough (Chorley), 73, 78, 1952: L Fearch (Ahrmouth), 78, 76, 153: A Uzfaell (Bertshire), 77, 78: S Hodges (Royal Chorles Porta), 76, 77; J Brown (Haydock Park), 80, 73, 154: K Tebbet (East Devon), 80, 74: S Bennett (Colchester), 82, 72, 155: S Burnet (Barnet) and Berrow), 74, 61: K Firth (Huddenfleid), 75, 80: A MacDonaid (Indoven), 76, 79, 166: J Mortey (Bale), 53, 73; C Caldwell (Sunningale) 77, 79, 167; J Garby (Middenfleid), 78, 77; G C Testivell (Sunningale) 77, 79, 167; J Garby (Middenfleid), 78, 77; J Garby (Middenfleid), 78, 78; A Brighoush (Ormstith), 81, 78.

By JOHN HENNESSY

known as the PGA European Tour Satellite series.

The trail-blazers on 66 were Colin Gillies, the leading assistant in Scotland last year, and Graham Farr, the Ludlow club

One stroke behind came Jeremy Robinson, a former England amateur strokeplay Welsh amateur champion in 1988. Steven Richardson, still technically the England Ama-

FOR THE RECORD

64; L. Harvey-Wid (US) of T Whitinger (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; S. Martin (US) of T Whitinger (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; S. Martin (US) of B. Ragelsten (US), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; L. Garmone (t) of the Marchitover (Aus), 9-0, ret; B. Bower (US) of C. Cohen (Swel), 8-1, 4-6, 6-3; H. Keltes (Con) of C. Cohen (Swel), 5-3, 5-7, 6-4, Second research S. Hack (WS) bit M. Markeover (Switz), 6-2, 6-1; S. Surfford (US), 14: S. Martin (US), 6-4, 7-6, A. Cootzer (SA), bit H. Ter Riet (Neth), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

of Prince's yesterday. Not only was the par of 72 for the combined Shore-Dunes layout a realistic objective, but there were eight scores below 70 in the Wolvo PGA Tour qualifying school in November. Prince's Challenge, a constituent event of what was formerly known as the PGA European for four at the 16th, he was never

likely to go over par, whereas elsewhere he hauled in four birdies and an eagle three at the vulnerable 498-yard 15th.

Robinson, running into form as a professional, went through

the green at the 5th to drop a shot, but he was already two under par for the day and finished five under, with an impressive three at the 18th, where he hit an eight iron to six

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL SEATCH: Under-17: Eng-land 1, France S (at Wembley). TOUR MATCHES: Trinided and Tobago 4, Crystal Palace 0 (in Port of Spein); Missubani (Japan) 0. Middlesex Wanderers 1 (in Kobe). SHEDISH CUP: Final: Djurgsarden 3, Hacken Gottborg 0 (in Stockholm). OTHER MATCH: Lech Poznan (Pol) 1, Colombia 1.

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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

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MONTREAL! Currennery doubles turitation teamentment: First reand (GB unless stated; J Male and D Feynolds (Carl) bt C Worldge and G Usher-Jones (Carl), 2-0; C Pictorged (Carl) and T Whatiley in W Pisigione and B Sanstrook (Carl), 2-0; W Surises and T Montalus bt D Jenides and T Price, 2-1; D McLerron (Carl) and C Green bt T Windows and S Tayl, 2-0; N Berteurt and E Liteage (US) bt R Bonsor and D Putch-Keens, 2-0.

**RUGBY UNION** 

IAN STEWAR

#### First tour match a mere romp for Wales

FROM OWEN JENKINS

SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA Invitation XV. WALES scored 13 tries in an overwhelming victory over a poor, unfit regional side here yesterday and the score could have and should have been

more than 80 points.

Rayer, the full back, scored the first points of the tour with a penalty and then kicked seven conversions as the Welsh ran in try after try at will. They played try after try at will. They played at a tremendous pace throughout and the home side had absolutely no idea how to cope. Wales dominated every facet of the game, particularly at forward, where Arnold and LLewellyn controlled the lineout and Phillips stole four neels against the head. Knight and Buckett, the props, gave their opposite numbers a torid time, and the whole pack protime, and the whole pack pro-vided the backs with the best

possible platform.
Fealey, the scrum half, flourished in this environment and
scored three tries. The speed of Ford, the right winger, brought him two tries and the support play of Williams the No. 8 was rewarded with another two.

Wales were already 29 points head at the interval but lost their thythm for 10 minutes of the second period when they concentrated their efforts on close, driving forward play with both flankers Phillips and Reyn-

olds taking men on.

The backs were orchestrated by Ring, who was leading Wales for the first time. The plethora of possession and the time to use it allowing him the freedom to experiment. There were further tries for LLewellyn, Phillips, the flanker, Williams the stand-off Bowling the left wing, Ring and Buckett which brought up 70 points. Williams also kicked two

While this victory has given the tour the best possible start the invitation side were considcred to be the weakest Wales will meet. But Ron Waldron, the coach, could have some selec-tion problems with the young players in the side performing so

The Weish team now move back to the capital, Windhock on Saturday.

CYCLING

#### Go-slow in Giro over **Theunisse**

ers and team directors protested during the Giro d'Italia yesterday over the continued pres-Theunisse, the Dutch cyclist, who failed a doping test in

They delayed the start of the sixth stage from Teramo for several minutes and threatened to boycott Saturday's stage en-tirely unless Theunisse was removed or sanctions imposed. Theunisse, fourth in the Tour de France last year, was tested positive in the 1988 Tour. His second offence ought to have meant a six-month suspension but the Dutch, on a technicality, say he is a first offender and have imposed a three-month

Yesterday, Theunisse finished tenth in the bunch but several team directors said he should not have been allowed to ride. 201 bave been allowed to ride. RESULT: Skrib stage, Termon to Februaro (200km): 1, L Gelfi (th), Siv 25min 16sec; 2, M Ghirotto (ti; 3, P Anderson (Aus); 4, Luis Villanueva (Sp), seme time; 5, G Saronni (ti) and field at 6sec. Overall: 1, G Bugno (ti), 27tr 41min 58sec; 2, E Chozas (Sp), at 37sec; 3, D Steiger (Switz), 57; 4, Fignon 1min 08sec; 5, J Halupzzok (Pol), 1:09; 8, M Lajaretta (Sp), 1:10.

IN BRIEF

#### Air threat to Monaco NICE (Reuter) - Thousands of

would-be spectators could be forced to miss the Monaco Grand Prix this weekend, a national holiday, if a threatened strike by air traffic controllers on the Riviera goes ahead. Air Inter, France's domestic airline, said it will have to cancel two-thirds of its flights if the three-day strike in Nice takes

place from Saturday. Local railmen are also threatening to down tools from Sunday. Graziano dies

New York (Reuter) - Rocky Graziano, who rose from street brawler to world middleweight champion in 1947, has died at the age of 68.

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Pay legal Sofia (AFP) — The status of professional footballer is to be introduced next season in Bulgaria after years of undercover

TLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL THIS WEEK'S RECORD SUMMER PAYOUT

#### TREBLE CHANCE PAYING 6 DIVIDENDS 24 PTS......£3,355-35 | 4 DRAWS...... 12 HOMES. £2,120-60 23 PTS.....£155-95 221/2 PTS....£10-95

BOXING

#### McDonnell returns quietly By SRIKUMAR SENBOXING CORRESPONDENT

JIM McDonnell, Britain's world super-featherweight contender, returns to the ring on June 7 after a rest of seven months. He Gutierriez is No. 11 in the super-featherweight contender, returns to the ring on June 7 after a rest of seven months. He meets Pedro Guttierez, of Gutierriez is No. Il in the world rankings and strictly speaking McDonnell, as No. 4, should not be allowed to box for the international title, which is reserved for boxers outside the top IO. But Hearn said that he had received "special dispensation from the WBC" and McDonnell would be giving up the title after he had won it.

"Jim's got to find out if there's Argentina, for the World Boxing Council international title at the

Albert Hall, London.
Barry Hearn, McDonnell's manager, said yesterday that he had received an offer of £100,000 to meet Jeff Fenech, of Australia, for the world title but after those 12 rounds with Azumah Nelson last November which led to two nights in hospital, he didn't want to come back with another "war".
"I could have come back with

a world title fight but it would had over 70 contests and never have been war. I wanted to ease my way back in, but I'll be pointed by Steve Boyle when he

Murphy's plans will have to wait

SEAN Murphy, who won the vacant British featherweight title in St Albans on Tuesday

him the other day."

As Murphy is not the world's top 10 his by knocking out John Dohertyin the third round, now wants to meet Paul Hodkinson, the man who vacated the title in the first place - if Hodkinson wins the world title next week in Manchester.

"An open air show at St Albans Football Club would be fantastic. It would be a dream come true," Murphy said. Murphy's trainer, Ernie Fossey, said, "I believe Sean would knock Hodkinson out after what that Mexican geezer [Eduardo Montoya] did to Davison, for sure," Fossey Fossey said.

"Jim's got to find out if there's the old McDonnell after the Azumah Nelson fight," Hearn

Guttierez is 34 years old, has

As Murphy is not ranked in the world's top 10 his wish will not be granted. Murphy and Fossey will have to lower their sights. "We'll fight any one the the board nominates, Johnny How B Good or Colin McMillan,"
Fossey said, delighted that Murphy had at last decided to heed his advice to box behind the jab instead of swarming all

over Doherty. Murphy could also chall-Newcastle, the World Boxing Council international champion. "Sean would like

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said. "Davison went above Sean when he won the international title and we want to put the record straight. I doubt if Davidson can stay too

However, Murphy is due for

an enforced rest of at least eight weeks. He received two bad cuts, one on the bridge of his nose, the other by his left eye. He is unlikely to box again this season. In the meantime, Fossey hopes to enge John Davison, of persuade him to take his wife and two sons on a holiday in the sun. "He's so white he looks like a milk bottle."

#### Gracida in form for Southfield By JOHN WATSON

POLO

KERRY Packer, whose stables are at the Fynning Hill estate, near Midhurst, Sussex, sent some 60 ponies to Ambersham yesterday to mount his second high-goal squad. Ellerston Black, in their Queens Cup-BMW league match against Southfield Southfield won, 8-6. Southfield. Southfield won, 8-6. The first half went Southfield's way with their 10-handicap Mexican, Memo Gracida, dominating the play. The account was opened by Ellerston's No. 3, Stuart Mackenzie, but Southfield were quick to reply. Dorignac taking the ball down the pitch to find the Ellerston flags from a penalty.

In the second chukka, Southfield were soon into the lead with a 40-yard penalty conversion by Gracida from a cross by

sion by Gracida from a cross by Kent, Gracida, on Chesney, built on that before changing to the speedy mare, Ava, for the third chukka and scoring another three. Southfield had the upper hand in the fourth, too, although Gracida, from another 40-yarder, was the only recorn.

The fifth saw the tide turn in Ellerston's favour, Kent making the target with a lofted back hander, and Mackenzie the third in the last chukka Gilmore made it 7-4, but Yeo-man widened it again before a 60-yarder from Mackenzie. SOUTHPIELD: 1 J Yeoman (2), 2 G
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Jamison (4).
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# **SPORT**

# England's old failings repeated

HEADINGLEY (New Zealand won toss): New Zealand beat England by four wickets.

ENGLAND came to Headingley one early summer's day last year amid animated talk of a brave new dawn. They were wiped out by Australia. Yesterday, on the same ground, and with similarly heady anticipation, they disappointed again, this time losing to an underrated New

Although the 1989 debaclé was a Test match, and this a comparatively trivial one-day game which went to its penultimate ball, the parallels are

hard to ignore. Yesterday, as last year, Eng-land were beaten because they bowled carelessly and sometimes cluelessly against batsmen too good to pass up such philanthropy.

To win this first of two

Texaco Trophy matches, New Zealand did bat well: they needed to, even on a pitch as good as this. Having been cruising to victory, needing 72 off 12 overs with eight wickets in hand. New Zealand made hard work of it, and it was Mark Greatbatch, sure to be one of the faces of this summer, who got them home with his maiden one-day

Ian Smith, a man made for such situations, clubbed the fifth ball of the final over for four to finish the job.

In choosing to chase runs, New Zealand had in mind the limitations of their own bowling attack. Snedden's stomach strain was considered too bad to risk, and in his place came 22-year-old Chris Pringle, distraight into the game by Wright. Supporting Hadlee with the new ball, he kept to a commendably full length.

Later, memorably for him, he was to take the wicket of the advanced to the fourth highest England captain.

Gooch's reunion with Gower was not an instant success. Off the mark with a thick edge to third man, clubbed it through extra cover Gower fell in the fifth over. for four. Aiming to clear deep Aiming to force through the square leg from the next, he on side against Hadlee, he narrowly failed. Russell did failed to get over the ball.

last tangible success until just great conviction, he hit the last before lunch. It was the change bowling - Morrison, gave England the scope for rapid acceleration.

over long on against Millmow many. Headingley was no a study in balance. It was a more than two-thirds full, surprise to all, visitors not and, all day long there had exempt, when he departed. By been a shortage of then, Robin Smith was thundering along. The juggernaut of a player he is nowadays, he had his luck here, put down once by Morrison and twice difficult chances - by Hadlee, but between times he massacred anything overpitched tentions by driving the first

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Beaten to the punch: Alan Lamb continues on his way to the pavilion after being run out by the New Zealand wicketkeeper, Smith, yesterday

day, but to be honest the

batting was assisted by bowl-

the disciplines of line and

Rutherford was given no

benefit of the doubt for an Ibw

which looked high. The game had changed: Hadlee cut to

gully, Lewis's third wicket in a

transformed second spell, and

Priest was blindingly caught

by Gower at short mid-wicket

before they claimed the win

Gladstone Small, England's

senior bowler in the one-day

international series, is doubt-

ful for tomorrow's second

they deserved.

with a sequence of cover

reacting late to Smith's call, was run out by Stewart, who played a perky innings of real style, driving rect from Bradford League and pulling successive fours cricket with the Pudsey club. off Hadlee, who had hitheto Pringle was sensibly put not conceded a boundary in eight overs.
Smith, using his feet against

score in 18 years of such internationals in this country.

Hadlee tried to fox him with a slower ball but he waited and iled to get over the ball.

That was New Zealand's did England's Pringle. With four balls of the innings for four. Hadlee, unbelievably

There seemed few in the ground who gave New Zea-Gooch was majestic, his six land a chance of making so

> atmosphere. Has the public grown tired of the repetitive one-day formula? Surely not. Maybe they had simply underestimated

> the tourists. Wright announced his in-

Pringle was the stroke of the ball of the reply for four. Thereafter he was not at his best for a time but, along with ing which paid little heed to the reliable Jones, another who is more about adhesion than appearances, he gave his side the ideal platform: 87 came from the first 20 overs, It began to go wrong for New Zealand as soon as Crowe fell, gloving an at-tempted pull. Two balls later,

at which point Lewis had conceded 28 in four, and was looking raw and unprepared. Gooch took the ball himself, good and timely captaincy. Within two overs, he had doubled his wickets tally for the season by dismissing both the openers. To have Crowe and Great-

batch striding in, just when you feel you have broken the back of the job, is not a comforting sight. In the next 20 overs they added 118, the left handed Greatbatch dominating the strike and the match after suffering thigh scoring. One punched drive and groin damage while bowl-for six over midwicket off ing at Headingley yesterday.

### Smith's first hundred

IN ENGLAND'S total of 295 batting second in all one-day for six, their best in the internationals as the match against New Zealand, Robin gregate for a 55-over Inter-Smith made his first 100 in national in England, one-day international cricket.

It was his fourth 100 of the month in all matches. New Zealand's Mark Greatbatch also made his maiden one-day international 100, as his side compiled their highest oneday score against England and • Compiled by Richard also the highest total by a side Lockwood

Texaco/Prudential Trophy also produced a record ag-

Chris Lewis's best figures for England could not prevent New Zealand's remarkable four-wicket victory as they made the highest score ever to win a one-day international.

#### SCORECARD FROM HEADINGLEY

New Zealand Won 1055					
ENGLAND					
		6s	48	Mins	Batis
*G A Gooch c Millmow b Pringle	- 55	1	4	121	88
Mistimed front-foot drive to mid-off					
D I Gower c Priest b Hadley	. 1	-	-	15	8
Flick to square-leg					•
R A Smith c Crowe b Hadley	128	-	16	196	168
Caught on square-leg boundary					
A J Lamb run out	18	-	2	36	25
Section by throw from mid-on			_		_
A J Stewart Ibw b Morrison	33	1	.3	553	25
Played across full-length ball	_	•	•	-	
D B Princip and out	30		5	31	17
D R Pringle not out	42	_	ĕ	- 7	- 5
Swing to deep mid-wicket		-	3	~	
P A J DeFretas not out	4	_		6	4
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A H Jones at Russell b Gooch	51	•	4	87	60
M D Crowe c Russell b Levris	45	-	3	78	48
M J Greatbatch not out	102	2	9	131	104
K R Rutherford lbw b Lewis					
R H Hadee c Lamb b Lawls			-		
M W Priest C Gower b Small Pull to short mid-wicket	2	-	•	6	4
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-106, 3-224, 4-224, 5-254, 6-259 BOWLING: Small 11-1-43-1 (w 2); DeFreitss 10.5-0-70-0 (nb1); Pringle 7-0-45-0; Lewis 11-0-54-3 (w1); Hemmings 11-0-51-0; Gooch 4-0-23-2. Man of the Match: M J Greatbetch

New Zealand win by four wickets

# Cook brings landmark in sight

By Geoffrey Wheeler

JIMMY Cook, Somerset's South African batsman, followed his rare double failure against Derbyshire in the previous match by making life miserable for the Sussex bowlers at Taunton yesterday, scoring 197 before he was dismissed shortly before tea.

This latest remarkable effort brought Cook's first-class aggregate for the season to 770. leaving him with a maximum of three more innings to complete the rarely achieved feat of scoring 1,000 runs before the end of May.

It has been done only twice six and 30 fours from 197 since the end of the Second balls. World War, by Glenn Turner, for the New Zealanders, and the Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick, for Worcestershire. The last Englishman to do it was

Bill Edrich, of Middlesex, in

1938. Cook, aged 36, failed by only four runs to score a century before lunch and hit the first ball after the interval to the fence. He fell to Colin Wells, trying to hit the boundary which would have taken him past 200 for the second time this season. In all, he hit a

He completed 1,000 runs in all competitions this season in last Sunday's Refuge Assurance League match against Derbyshire. That total included an innings of 177 against Sussex in the Benson and Hedges Cup game at

With Somerset 500 for five, Cook may not get a second innings in the present game. In that case his last chances will be against Leicestershire at Grace Road over the Spring Bank holiday weekend.

his 1,000 before the end of the month, he will be the second oldest player to reach the target. W. G. Grace was aged

player to do so 95 years ago. More cricket, page 42

46 when he became the first

#### Berlin test

Derek Redmond, national 400 metres record holder, who missed the Commonwealth Games with Achilles, and hamstring injuries, makes his comeback in East Berlin on July 4.

# Europe verdict day looms for English clubs

By STEVE ACTESON

MEETINGS in Vienna today frustration by attacking the and in London next Wednes- police, passers-by and the and in London next Wednesday will decide how much longer English football clubs must suffer for the actions of In Vienna, UEFA, the Euro-

pean football union, will consider whether English clubs should be allowed back into disaster at the Heysel Stadium in Belgium beforethe 1985 European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus. A lifting of the ban seemed

likely when, after being elected to the presidency in April, Lennart Johannson backed the readmission of English clubs. There was even talk of Liverpool being allowed back into the European fold. But then came the events of

May 5 at Bournemouth. Next Wednesday, a Football Association commission will conduct a full inquiry at Lancaster Gate into the violent scenes that marred Leeds United's promotion as second division champions and led to 73 arrests.

Some 4,000 ticketless Leeds

Bournemouth supporters. The names of the commission's members will be kept secret until Wednesday, which is normal FA practice. They will listen to evidence from AFC Bournemouth, Leeds, the Football League, which European competition next has already been heavily season for the first time since a criticized for failing to heed ban was imposed afterthe police advice to change the match date, and from the

Dorset FA and police. The commission will not have powers to legislate what punishments should be meted out, if any, but its recommendations will carry great weight when the Football Association decides what action should be taken.

The timing of the commission means that subsequent action cannot affect the outcome of today's UEFA meeting, which goes ahead despite a plea from Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, for the decision to be taken after the World Cup finals.

The plea was echoed by Leslie Silver, the Leeds chairman. He also wanted the supporters were locked out of the march at Dean Court and decision delayed, until after the full facts emerged over the many of them vented their events of May 5.

# Plan for changes to tennis format

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

A RADICAL proposal for the but at the right levels. There tournaments will be put to the full council of the Lawn attached to them'. Tennis Association (LTA) today. The proposal calls for the abolition of the 16 and under national titles, and 1 streamlining of all national junior championships, which are played on three different sur-faces at four different age The plans have met with

vigorous opposition from parents, junior players and coaches, but have strong sup-port from many within the LTA, including Mark Cox. "My own view is that we tend not to look at the structure as a whole and say what is the best courts and clay." way of developing the talent we have in this country," Cox said. "There is a lot of very narrow thinking. We have to encourage the best players to

restructuring of junior tennis are too many national titles Cox believes there should

be only two national titles, at under-14 and under-18 levels, both played on hard courts. He feels that the traditional junior grass-court championships are outdated and irrelevant when it comes to producing top class juniors. "We shouldn't be concerned with producing grass-court players because grass is not a surface conducive to developing solid technique," he said.
"We should be trying to produce players who can compete internationally on hard

Chang workout

Michael Chang, French Open champion, heads the field in the £148,000 Direct Line Insurance Manchester Open from June 18, play not in their age groups, the week before Wimbledon.

### **Derby picture becomes** even more confused

away, ante-post betting was particularly confident. shaken up once again after the favourite, Digression, had flopped in the last of the recognized trials, the Goodwood yesterday. Digression, sent off at 2-1,

had every chance two furlongs out, but the Guy Harwood colt found nothing and finished a well beaten fifth, behind Henry Cecil's Razeen.

Leading bookmakers have pushed Digression out to 14-1 and Michael Stoute's Rock Hopper is the new favourite with Ladbrokes at 4-1. He is 3-I market leader with Corals.

Razeen, unbeaten in three appearances, led with just over a furlong to go and ran on well to beat Elmaamul by four lengths. Razeen is now second

WITH the Derby two weeks favourite but Cecil is not "Razeen underwent a throat operation last year and as a

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result did not race," he said. "In fact, he didn't gallop until Predominate Stakes, at February. If the Derby was run a month later. I would be getting very excited. In my heart of hearts, I know he needs more time." Dick Hern, trainer of the

Elmaamul, said he would like to see a video of the race before making a decision. "He's run well and would have finished closer to the winner but for being ham-

Hern added that his other Derby possible, Mukddaam, is recovering from a bruised foot and hopefully will make it to Epsom.

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# An exclusive BBC World Cup menu

By JOHN GOODBODY

BBC TELEVISION yesterday with ITV not to show the game of the tournament, between Argentina and Camthe Wimbledon men's singles final on Sunday, July 8.

The highlight of the BBC coverage of the preliminary phase will be its exclusive live coverage of England versus The Netherlands in Cagliari on June 16. Viewers in Scotland will instead see the match between Scotland and Sweden in Genoa on the same day. Both audiences will also see highlights from the other

England's final match in the preliminary phase against Egypt will also be shown live

The BBC, which has covered every World Cup started then it would be shown since 1954, has an agreement live.

announced its World Cup same games in the first round, coverage, which will stretch when the 24 competing nafrom highlights of the opening tions are reduced to 16. The two companies will then renegotiate arrangements for eroon on June 9, through to a the later stages. If the pattern double-header of the final plus of the 1986 tournament is repeated, there will then be duplication of matches on both channels.

Desmond Lynam will be the anchorman of the programme from London.

Wimbledon Championships may yet be seen live on BSB, Britain's latest sports channel. However, the coverage will not be in competition with the BBC coverage but adding to it.

It is planned to have two hours of highlights beginning at 8 pm when the BBC goes off alongside highlights from The the air. However, Andrew Netherlands against the Croker, the head of BSB sport, Republic of Ireland in said that if there were somesaid that if there were something exciting taking place when the BSB coverage

### The man who put on style

TEDDY Tinling, the man who revolutionized women's tennis wear and became a leading official on the Women's Tennis Association tournament circuit, has died at the Tinling was suffering from a

respiratory complaint at the time of his death in a Cambridge hospital. He will always be famous

for the gold-laced panties he designed for Gorgeous Gussie Moran, the American player, in the 1950s. For years, he acted as the liaison man between the play-

ers and officials at Wimbledon and was frequently occupied as an interpeter at the French Open. Completely bald and sporting an ear-ring in his left ear, the 6ft 6in Tinling was an imposing figure in his colourful clothes.

His life-long love of tennis began, when as a boy of 15 living on the French Riviera, he umpired many games for Suzanne Lenglen.

Obituary, page 14 | two days."

# Lean pickings for Maiden as wind delays race finish

Bremen on the horizon astern

to one side. It is so boring out

here that we have decided to

hold an inter-yacht quiz on the

radio tonight. The problem is

that the only questions we can

think of are about food, and

ably not fair to ask them

What are the ingredients of

The calm conditions has

also slowed Maiden's rival for

AS FOUR more yachts, including Britain's top entry, Rothmans, drifted in to Southampton yesterday at the end of the 33,000-mile Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, Tracy Edwards, the skipper of Britain's all-women entry, Maiden, reported that they would run out of food

Edwards's 58ft yacht, which is more than 600 miles out in the Atlantic, ran out of wind five days ago and is not likely since the other crews have to reach the finish until Sun- even less than us, it is probday at the earliest.
"We will have our last meal

tomorrow night - it's chili con came - and from then on we are down to whatever we can find in the emergency grab bags," she said yesterday. "The wind is so frustrating.

division honours, L'Esprit de Liberté. Patrick Tabarly's French challenger, which now It starts to build up and we leads this class, is less than 60 think, ah . . . at last; but then it miles ahead, having lost more just fades away again. On than 40 miles to Rucanor and Monday and Tuesday we Edwards crew during the past managed to make between week. Behind them all is La one and two knots and have Poste, who still had more than covered less than 200 miles in

The good news is that they 700 miles to go yesterday, but are not alone. "There are four boats within sight of each are by no means last. That dubious honour rests with other - it is just like a start. Andrew Coghill's aging maxi, We have Rucanor Sport just With Integrity, which trails ahead of us, Schlussel von her cruiser class rival Creightons Naturally by 600 and Satquote British Defender miles.

YESTERDAY'S FINISHERS (sixth and linal legt, 4, Rothmans (L. Smith, GB), 17 days, 12tr 43min; 5, The Card (R. Nilson, Swe), 17:19:07: 7, Beltroort Finland (H. Herkinno, Fin), 17:20:35: 8, Fortuna (J. Santana, Sp.), 17:21:44.

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